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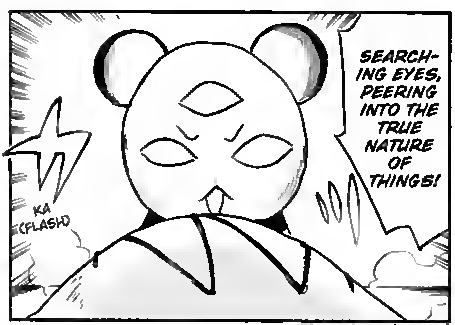
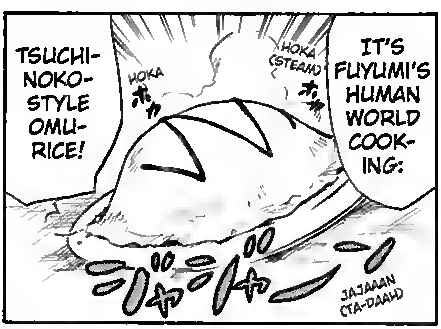
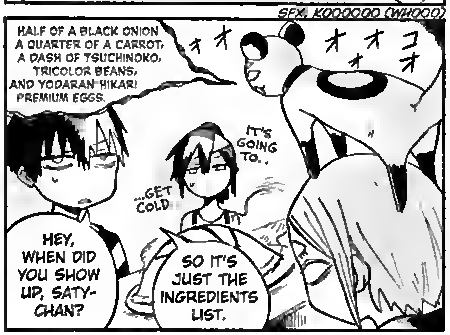
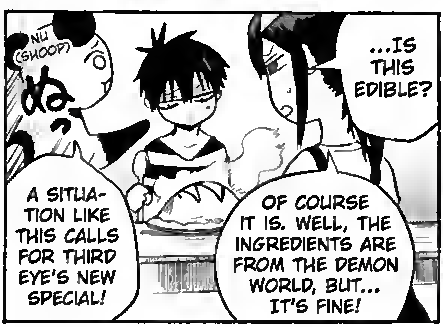
FOUR-PANEL PART 1

INTRODUCING A NEW SPECIAL!

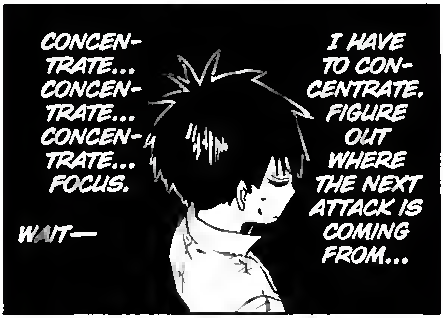





SFX: KOOOOOO (WHOOO)
HALF OF A BLACK ONION, A QUARTER OF A CARROT, A DASH OF TSUCHINOKO, TRICOLOR BEANS, AND YODARAN HIKARI PREMIUM EGGS.
IT'S GOING TO...
...GET COLD
HEY, WHEN DID YOU SHOW UP, SATY-CHAN?
SO IT'S JUST THE INGREDIENTS LIST.

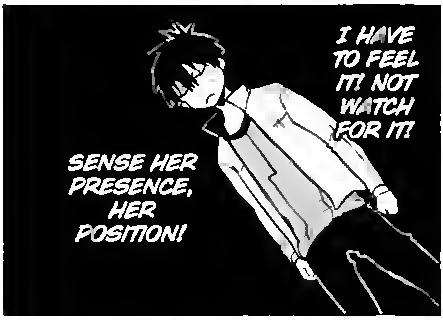

NU (SHOOP?)
...IS THIS EDIBLE?
A SITUATION LIKE THIS CALLS FOR THIRD EYE'S NEW SPECIAL!
OF COURSE IT IS. WELL, THE INGREDIENTS ARE FROM THE DEMON WORLD, BUT... IT'S FINE!

CONCENTRATION 1

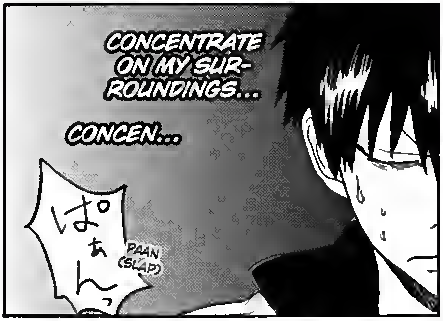


HOLY CRAP ...!!
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THIS HARD TO DO WHAT THOSE GUYS IN THE MANGA ARE ALWAYS DOING!!
MAYBE CONCENTRATE ON THE ACTUAL PROBLEM ...?

CONCENTRATION 2



RIGHT. MY OPPONENT'S JUST FLOATING AROUND WITHOUT A SOUND, WITHOUT DISTURBING THE AIR...
BUT IF I CAN SEIZE THE MOMENT WHEN SHE'S ABOUT TO ATTACK...!!!



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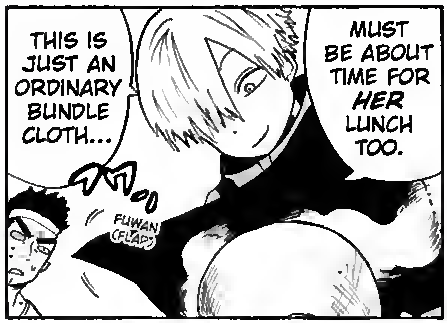

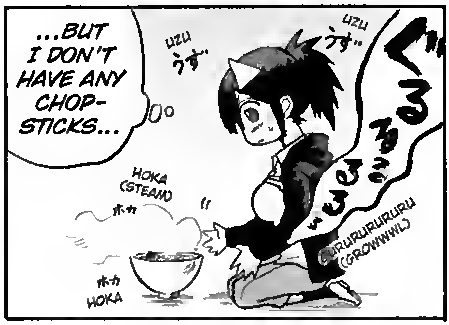

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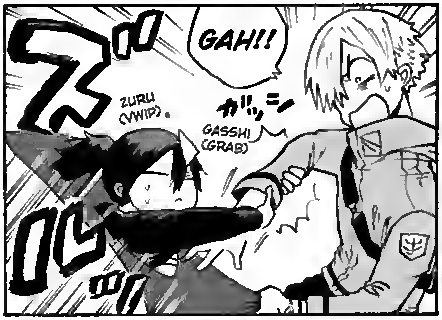
MENU: RAMEN / GYOZA / FRIED RICE



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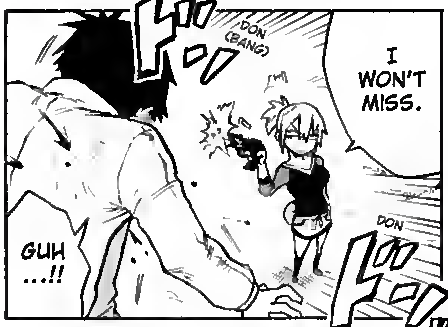

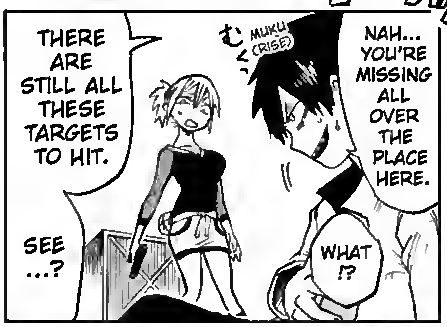

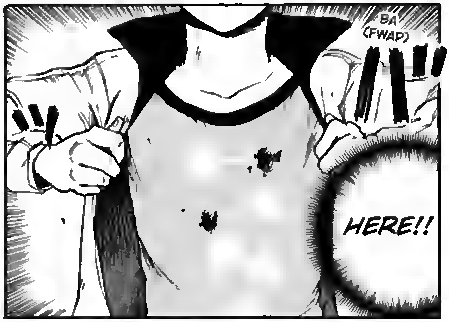

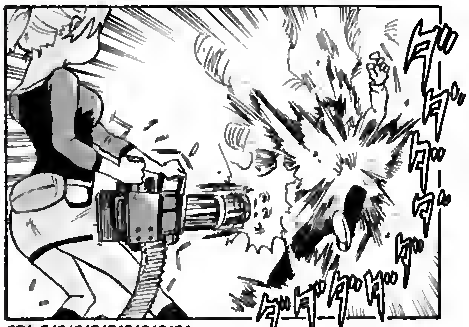

SFX: DADADADADADADADA (RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT)

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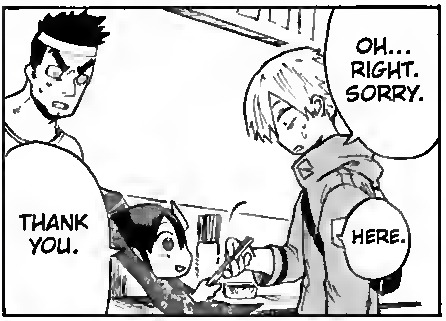

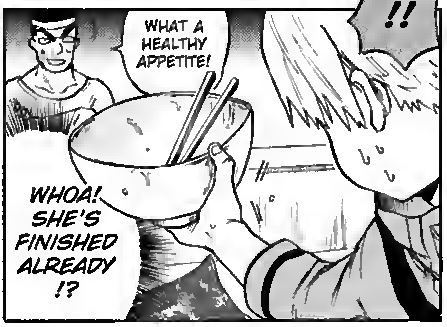

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SHIRT: STUPID

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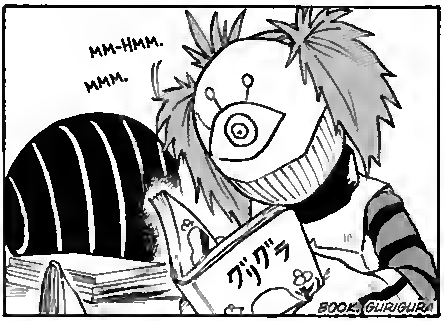

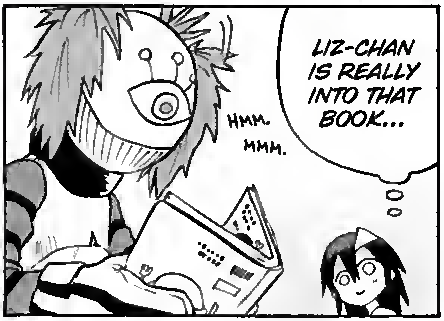

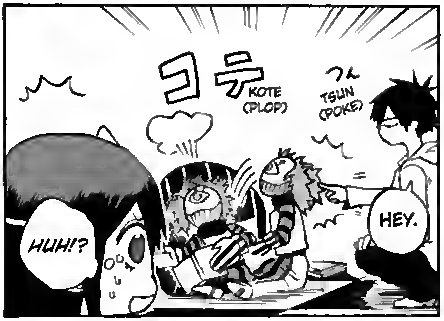

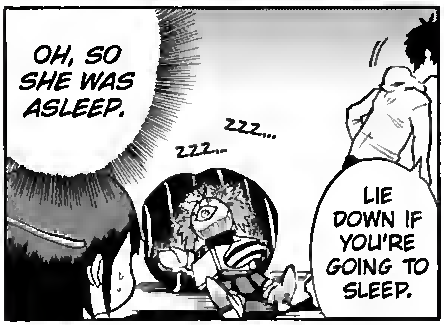

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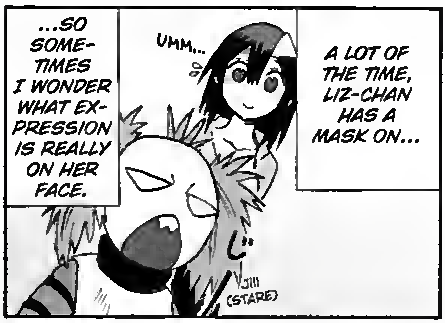

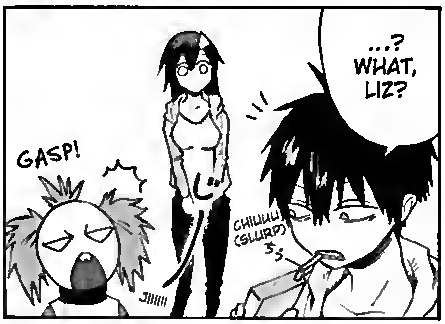

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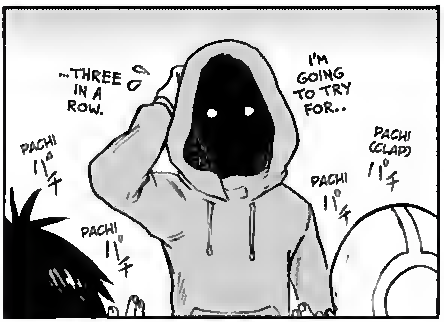

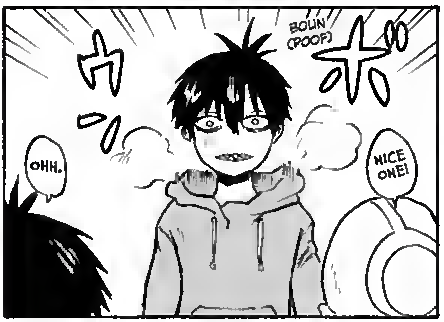

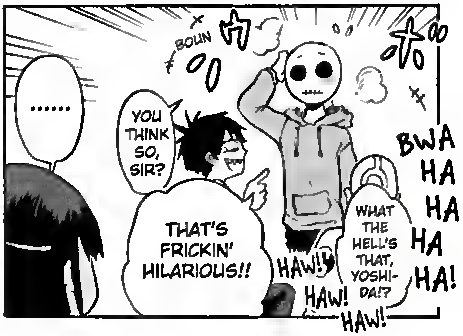

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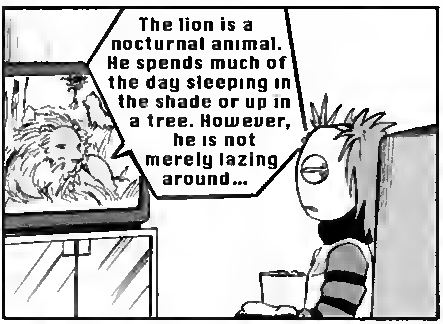
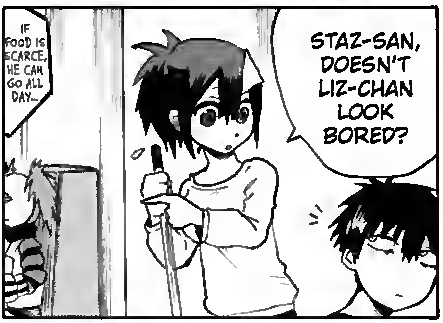
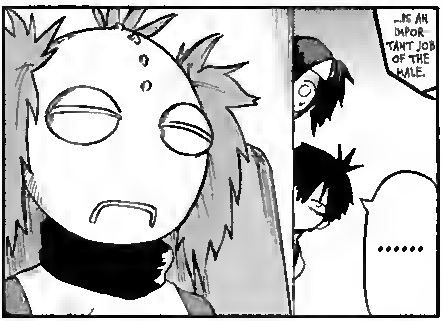
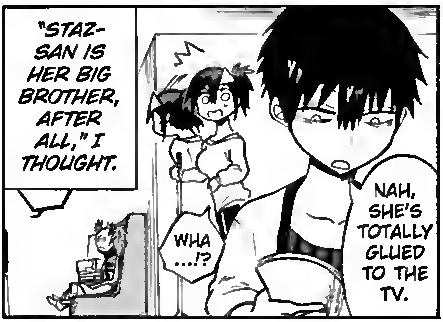
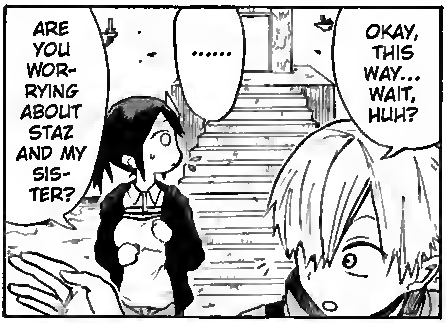

The lion is a nocturnal animal. He spends much of the day sleeping in the shade or up in a tree. However, he is not merely lazing around...

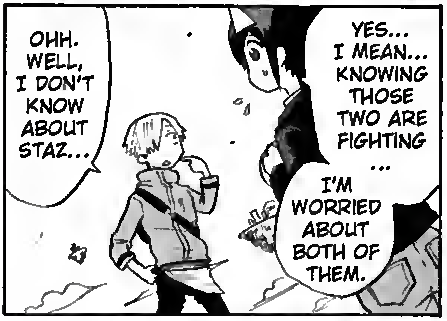


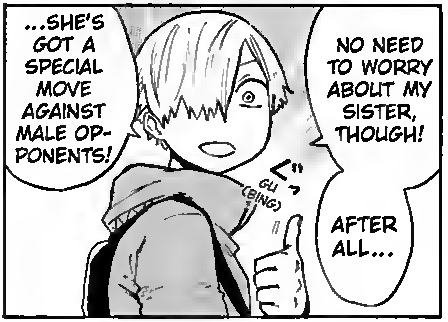


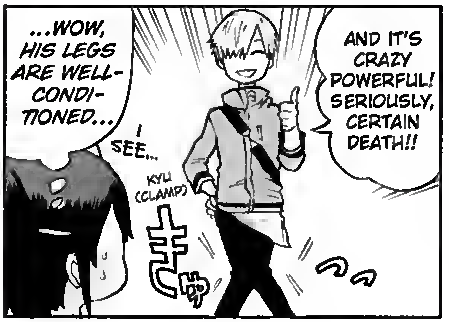


THE BODY REMEMBERS

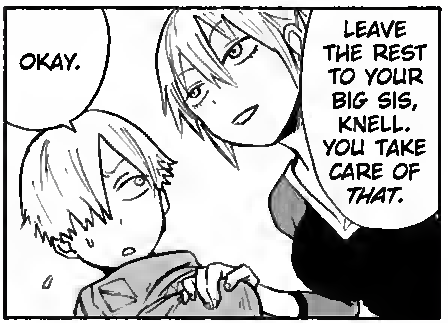


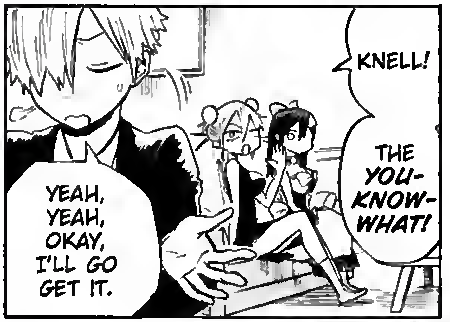


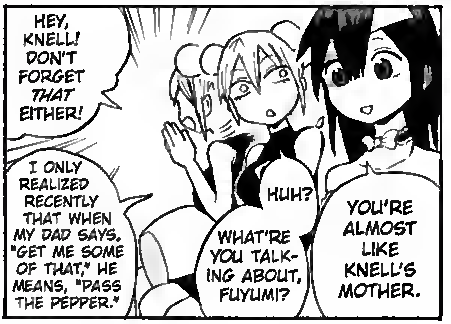




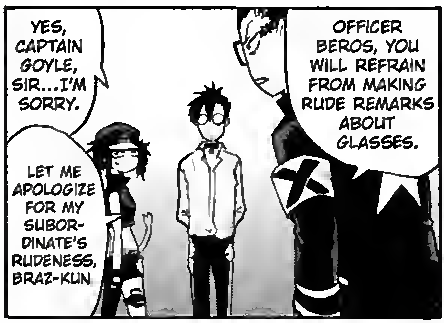
A MATURE BROTHER

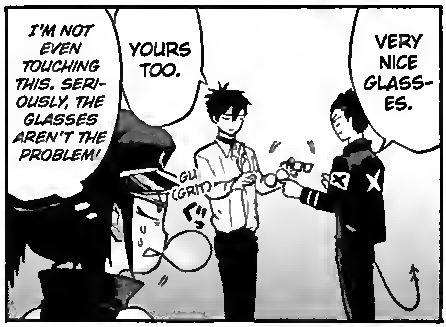





HEY, KNELL! DON'T FORGET *THAT* EITHER!
I ONLY REALIZED RECENTLY THAT WHEN MY DAD SAYS, "GET ME SOME OF THAT," HE MEANS, "PASS THE PEPPER."
HUH?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, FUYUMI?
YOU'RE ALMOST LIKE KNELL'S MOTHER.

SKILL: "GLASSES" 1


YES, CAPTAIN GOYLE, SIR...I'M SORRY.
OFFICER BEROS, YOU WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING RUDE REMARKS ABOUT GLASSES.
LET ME APOLOGIZE FOR MY SUBORDINATE'S RUDENESS, BRAZ-KUN.



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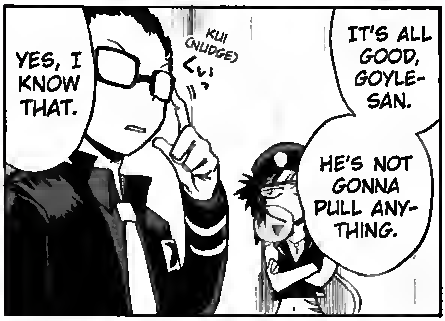

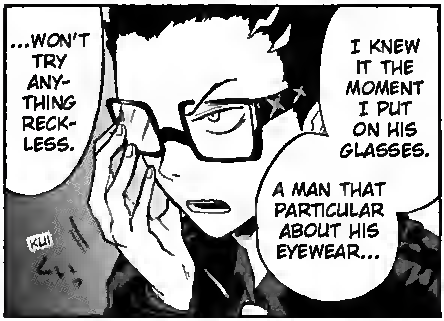

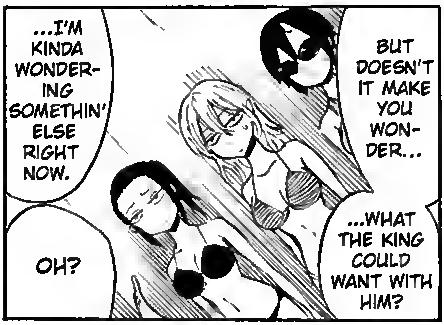

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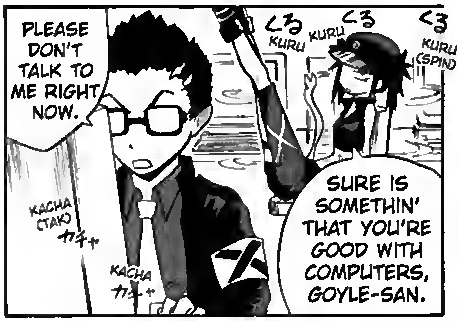
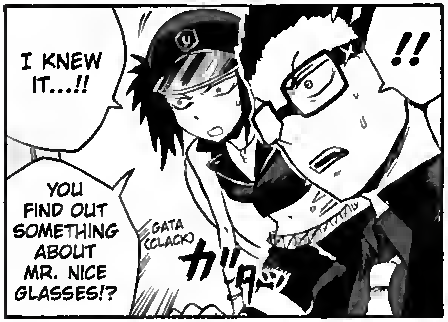
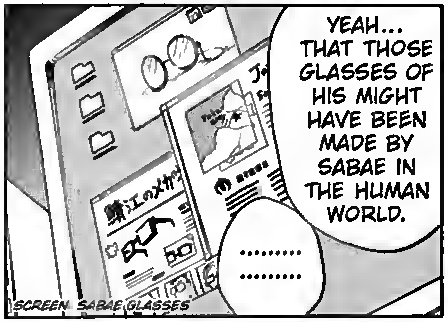
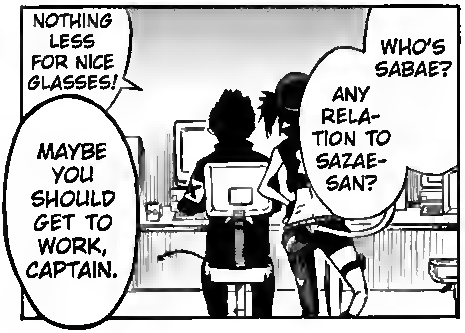
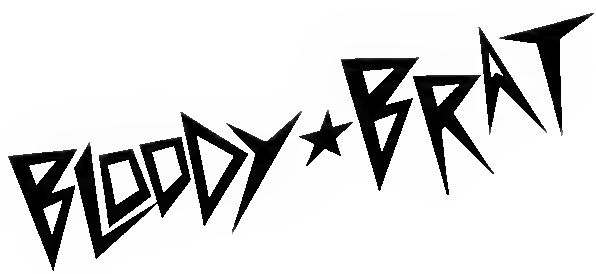






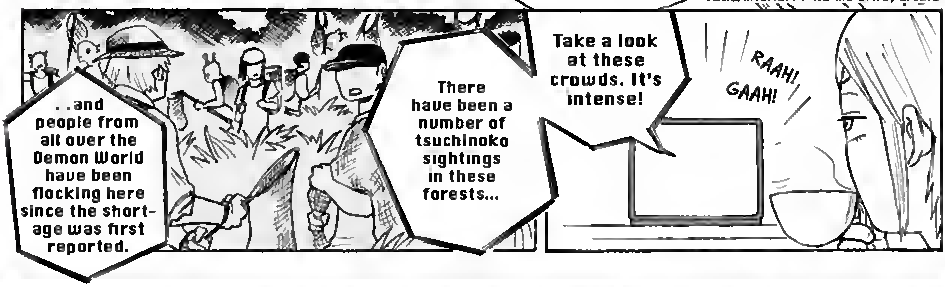


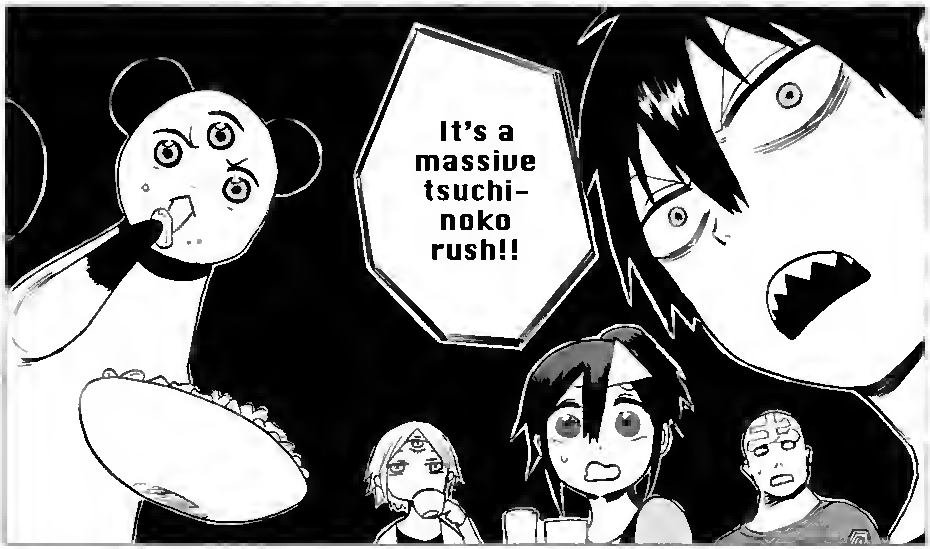
SPARES
SU
(FWIP)
PAAAN
(SHATTER)
BASHA
(SPLASH)
INK


BLOODY★BRAT

SIGN. CAFÉ THIRD EYE
HEY, IS THIS SOME KIND OF BAD JOKE!?
ガラーン
GATAAAN (SLAMMM)
サードアイ
喫茶
IGNORANCE IS BLISS
WHAT D'YOU MEAN I CAN'T HAVE TSUCHINOKO FOR A WHILE!?
SU (PANT)
スッ
IT WAS ON THE NEWS TODAY. DIDN'T YA SEE IT?
WE CAN'T GET ANY TSUCHI-NOKO FOR A WHILE.
HAVE SOME BEANS.
JUST WHAT I SAID, DUDE.

WELL, THE DEMON WORLD IS THE NUMBER-ONE CONSUMER...
LIKE JAPAN WITH TUNA.
NOBODY KNOWS WHY, BUT ALL OVER THE DEMON WORLD, THE TSUCHINOKO POPULATION IS DECLINING. SO EVERYBODY'S MAKING A FUSS — "WILL TSUCHINOKO VANISH FROM OUR PLATES!?"
BASA (SWAP)
NEWSPAPER: DEMON WORLD NEWS / NO MORE TSUCHINOKO!? / NO IMPORTS, CRISIS


...and people from all over the Demon World have been flocking here since the shortage was first reported.
There have been a number of tsuchinoko sightings in these forests...
Take a look at these crowds. It's intense!
RAAH! GAAH!


It's a massive tsuchi-noko rush!!

SHIRT MISSING

HEY, YOU JERKS! WE FOUND THIS SPOT FIRST!
YOU BETTER HUNT SOME-WHERE ELSE...
O OOOOND
OH YEAH?
DOOON (BOOOM)
AAAG AAAY HAA
DEK-SAN, ISN'T THAT THE BOSS AND THE OTHERS?
It appears there are fights breaking out over the tsuchinoko.
HM?
SHI

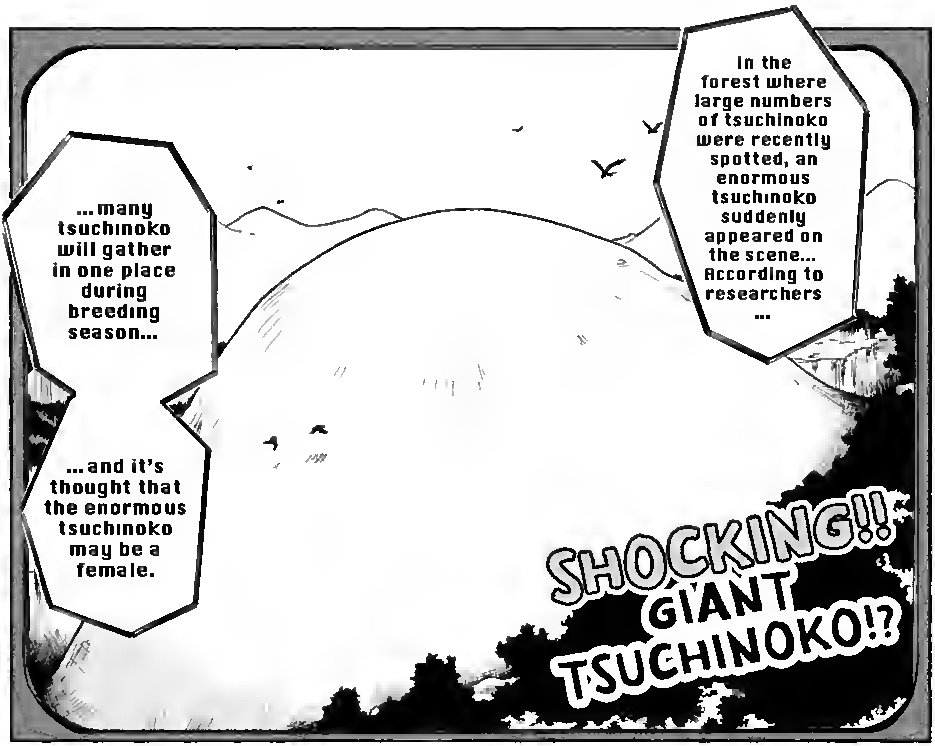
ビカ
BIKAAA
YES, SIR!
TWO UNDER THAT TREE OVER THERE!
AND ONE IN THAT HOLE!
RIGHT!
FORESIGHT EAGLE EYE!!
BIKAAAAA GLOWWW
ZOOM
CORNER IT!!
DON'T LET IT GET AWAY! THERE IT GOES!
GASA
GASA (RUSTLE)
びっちら
BICHIRA
BICHIRA (WAGGLE)
BUT I WONDER WHY THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE WITH LOTS OF TSUCHINOKO?
MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA! WHAT A HAUL!!
...NOT LISTENING TO A WORD, ARE YOU?
C'MON, PUNKS! BETTER WORK FOR IT IF YOU WANT A CUT!!

BOSS! LOOKS LIKE THERE COULD BE SOME OVER THAT WAY TOO!
ALL RIGHT. THE FIRST ONE WHO CATCHES ANY GETS TWENTY PERCENT!!
THANKS, BOSS!!
THIS KIND OF THING IS TOTALLY IN HIS WHEEL-HOUSE, ISN'T IT...
HEY, C'MON, FUYUMI! ARE YOU EVEN TRYING?
URP
BICHI (NIGGLE)
BICHI
...I CAN'T EVEN FORCE MYSELF TO LOOK AT THEM DIRECTLY.
FINE... THEN GIMME YOUR BAS-KET.
GUNI (SQUISH)
OH. SURE...
BICHI
BICHI
EYAAAAAAAH!
ZOWA
ZOWA
ZOWA (CHILLS)

...HUH. SHE'S SUPER INTO IT AFTER ALL.
THE TSUCHI-NOKO-OOO...!
?
HEY, YOU DUM-MY!
FU-YUMI! DON'T GO THAT WAY!!
GASA (RUSTLE)
GASA
WHA— HEY!
TSUCHI-NOKO!
TSUCHI-NOKO!
IT'S A TSUCHI-NOKO!!
GASA
GASA
THERE'S A CLIFF...
!?

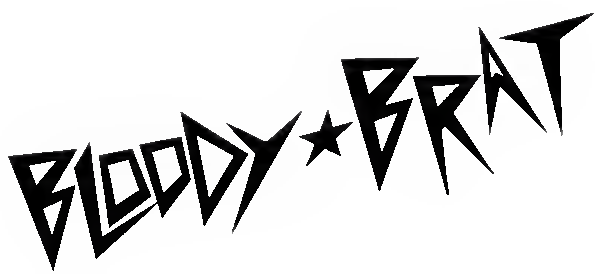
AAAAAH!
FUYU-MI!!
AA AAH...
ひゅうう
うう
HHHHHHH (FYOOOOO)
AH.
BOYOYON (BWOINGGG)

WH...
GO
GRAB
AAAAAA
POOON
(FWOOSH)
!?
...WHAT THE HELL!?
GO

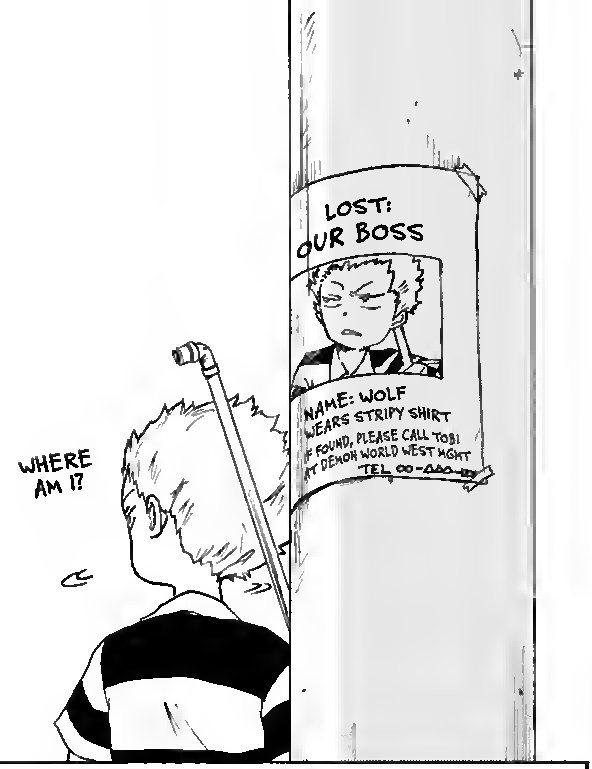

In the forest where large numbers of tsuchinoko were recently spotted, an enormous tsuchinoko suddenly appeared on the scene... According to researchers ...
...many tsuchinoko will gather in one place during breeding season...
...and it's thought that the enormous tsuchinoko may be a female.
SHOCKING!! GIANT TSUCHINOKO!?

I MADE TSUCHINOKO-STYLE OMU-RICE...
ホカ HOKA
ホカ HOKA (STEAM)
STAZ-SAN.
DON'T WANT ANY...
ブルル BURU (TREMBLE)
TSUCH!-NOKO... SCARY...
THEN WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH ALL THOSE TSUCHINOKO YOU CAUGHT?
ブルル BURU
SOME THINGS, IT'S BETTER IF YOU JUST DON'T KNOW, HUH.

RAAAGH!
...PLAY VIDEO GAMES!!
I WANNA...


BLOODY★BRAT

FOUR-PANEL PART 2



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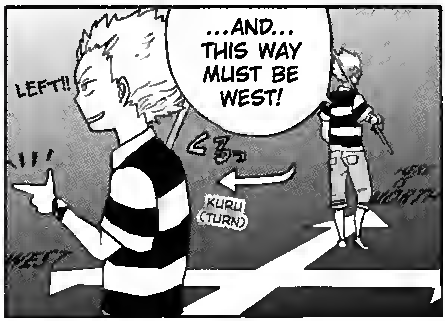

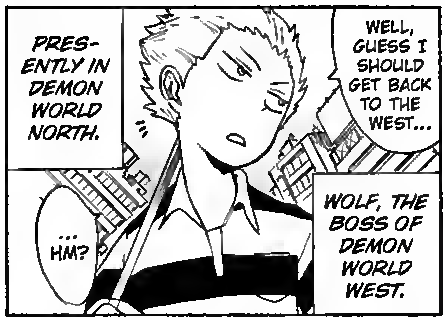

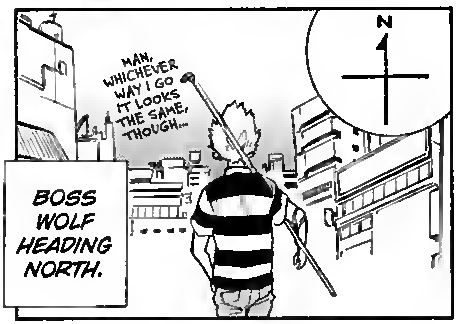

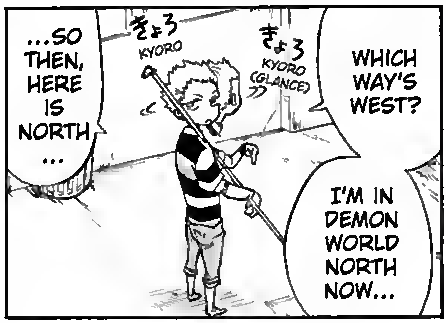

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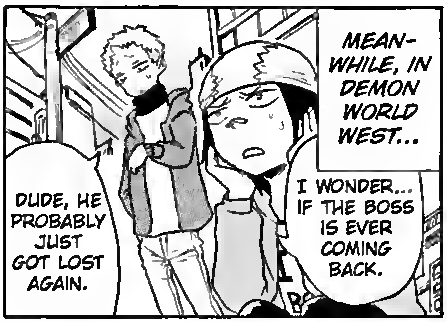

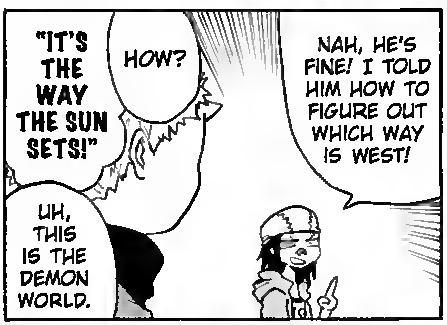

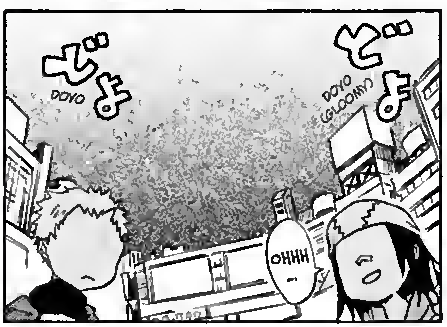

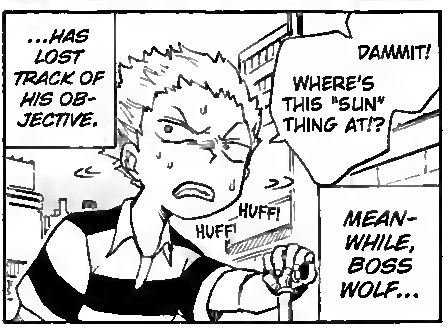

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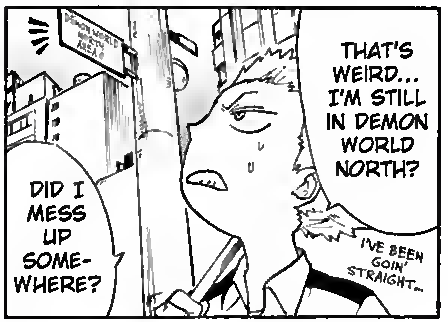
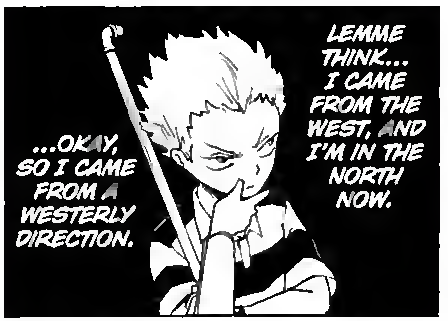
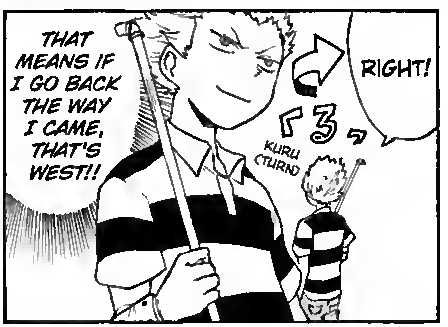
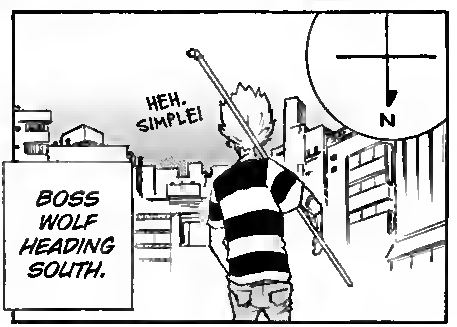






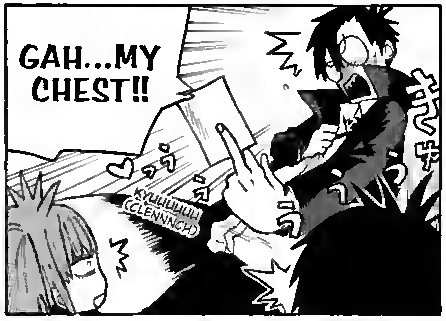


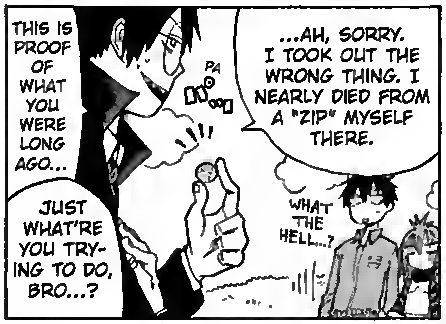
CAPTAIN AWESOME 2

CAPTAIN AWESOME 1

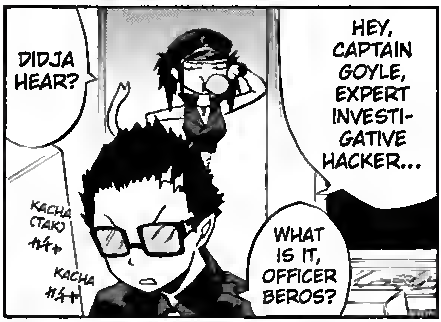
WHY'RE YOU ASKIN'?
GOYLE-SAN, HUH?
WELLLLL, GOYLE-SAN...
AND HE'S GOT SOME SCARY HOBBIES, LIKE HACKING AND WIRE-TAPPING—
HE'S GOT AN EXTREME PERSONALITY, Y'KNOW? HE'S EITHER "ANGRY" OR "CHILL."
Officer Beros. I can hear you.
...IS AWE-SOME !!
WHERE ARE YOU ANYWAY?
GOYLE-SAN...
HHHHHA

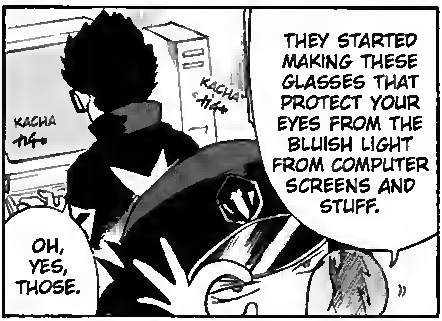
THE ZIP 1

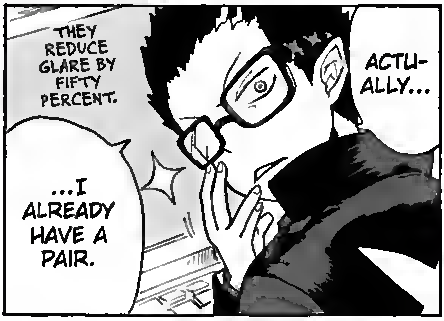


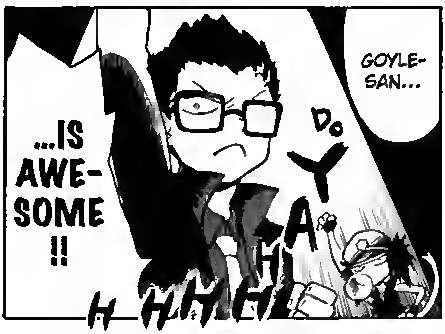

THIS IS PROOF OF WHAT YOU WERE LONG AGO...
JUST WHAT'RE YOU TRY-ING TO DO, BRO...?
PA
...AH, SORRY. I TOOK OUT THE WRONG THING. I NEARLY DIED FROM A "ZIP" MYSELF THERE.
WHAT THE HELL...?

CAPTAIN AWESOME 3




KACHA
KACHA
THEY STARTED MAKING THESE GLASSES THAT PROTECT YOUR EYES FROM THE BLUISH LIGHT FROM COMPUTER SCREENS AND STUFF.
OH, YES, THOSE.





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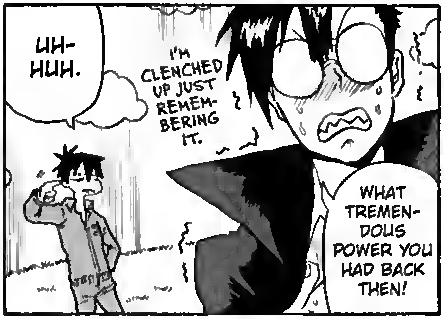
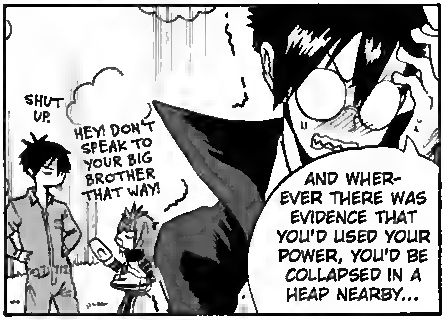
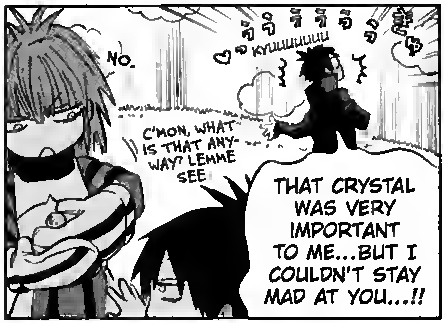



SHUT UP.
HEY! DON'T SPEAK TO YOUR BIG BROTHER THAT WAY!
AND WHEREVER THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT YOU'D USED YOUR POWER, YOU'D BE COLLAPSED IN A HEAP NEARBY...



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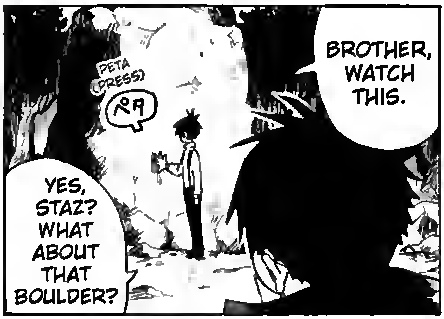

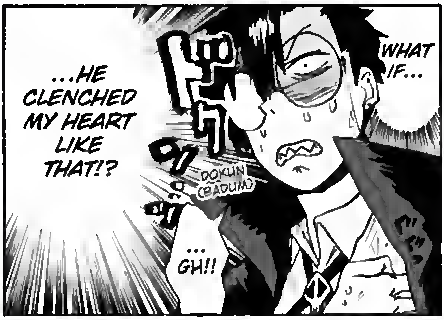

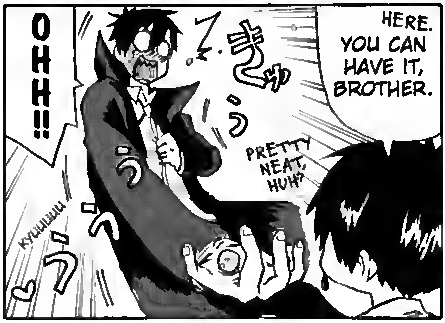

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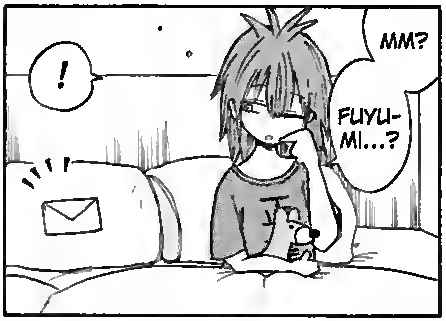

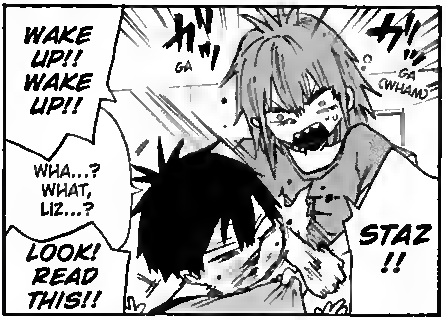

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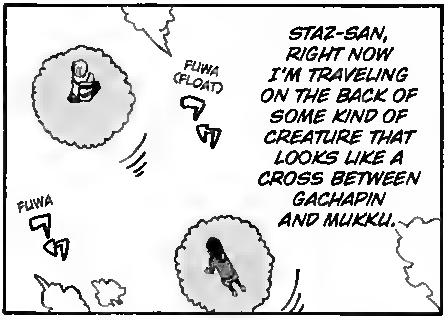
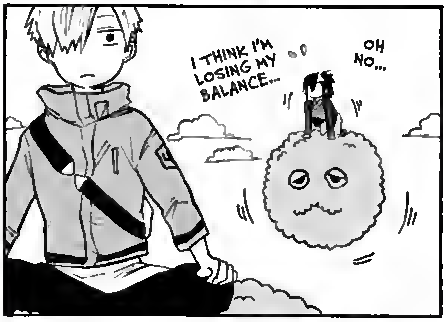
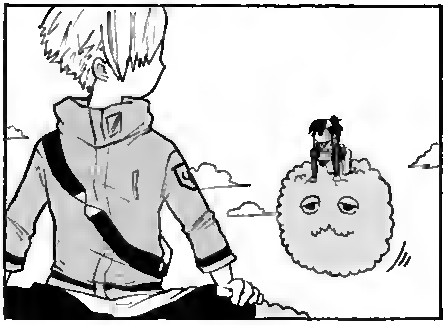

FUWA (FLOAT)
FUWA
STAZ-SAN, RIGHT NOW I'M TRAVELING ON THE BACK OF SOME KIND OF CREATURE THAT LOOKS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN GACHAPIN AND MUKKU.





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FUYUMIN IN THE SKY 3

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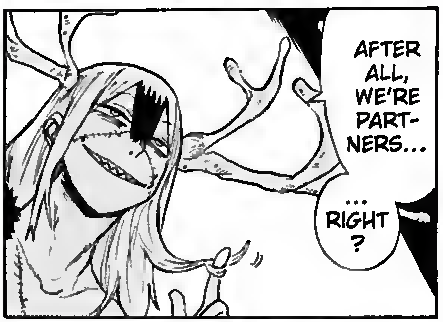

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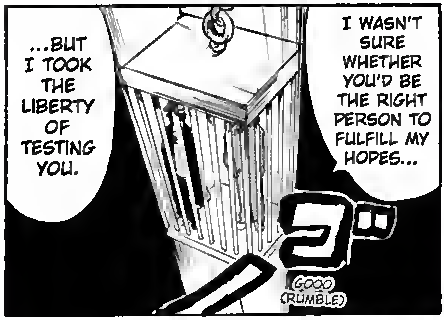

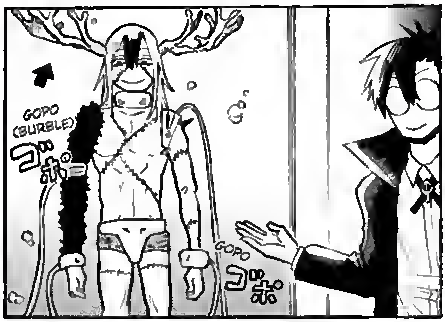

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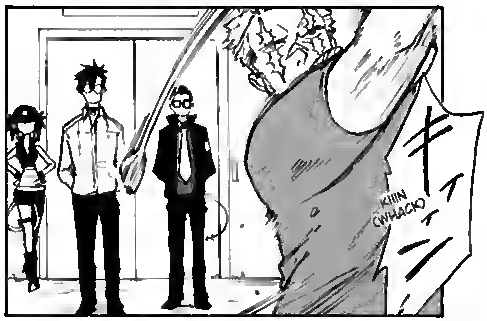

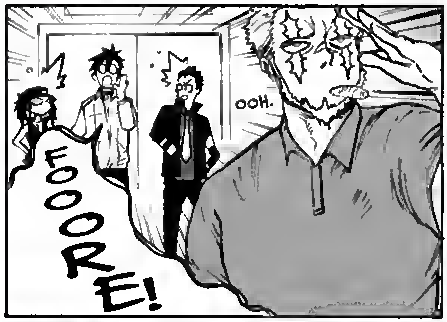

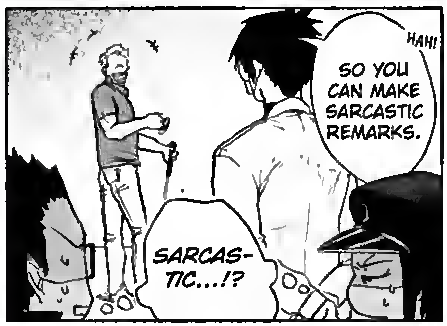

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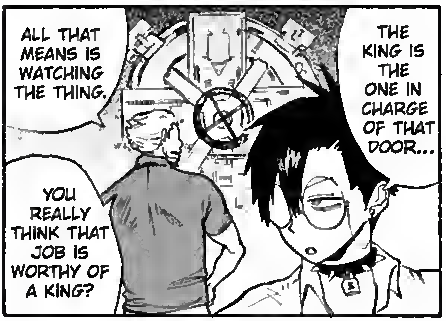

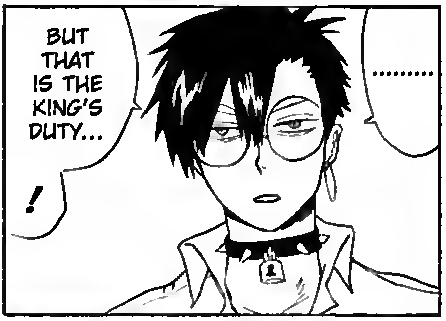

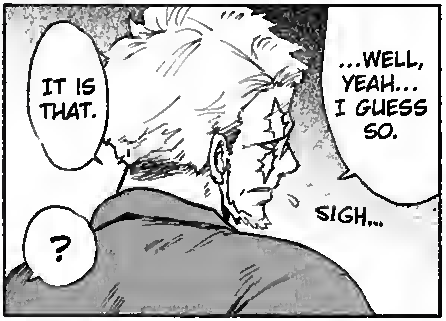

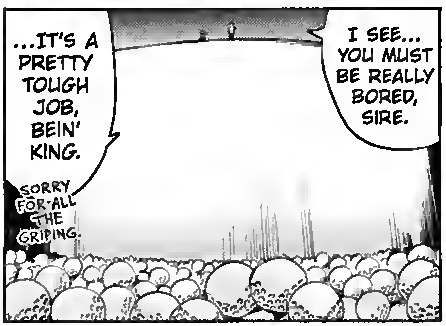

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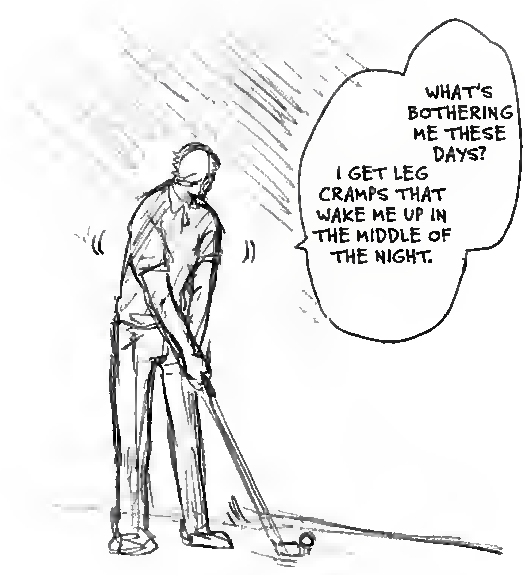
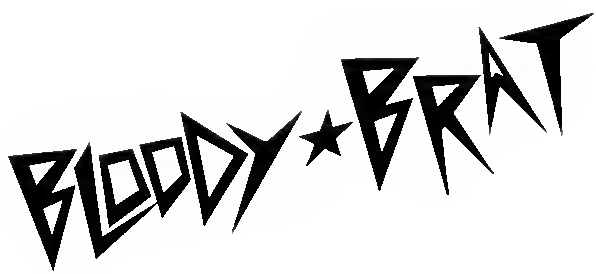
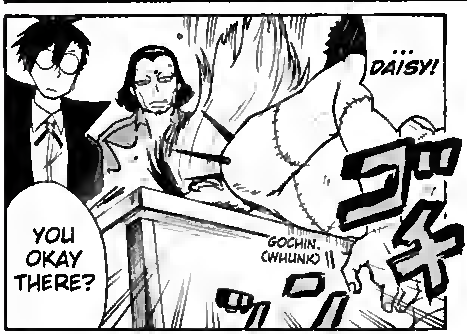
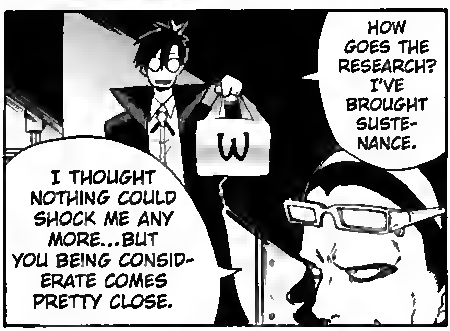

WHAT'S BOTHERING ME THESE DAYS?
I GET LEG CRAMPS THAT WAKE ME UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

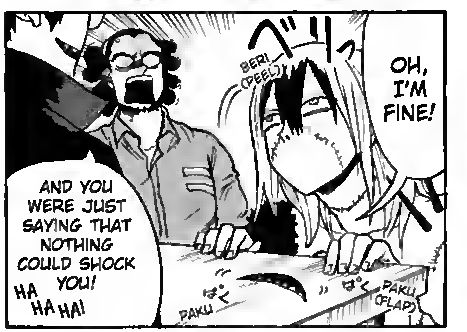

BLOODY★BRAT

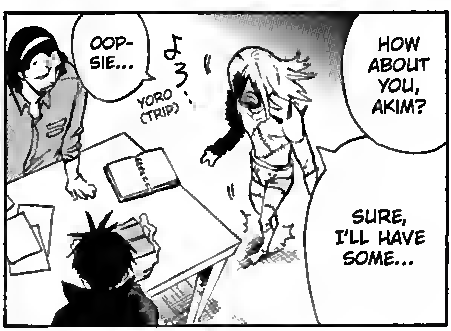
FOUR-PANEL PART 3

TO FREAK OUT THE FREAKS 1




HOW GOES THE RESEARCH? I'VE BROUGHT SUSTE-NANCE.
I THOUGHT NOTHING COULD SHOCK ME ANY MORE...BUT YOU BEING CONSID-ERATE COMES PRETTY CLOSE.





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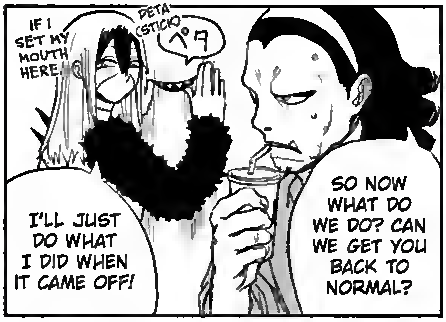
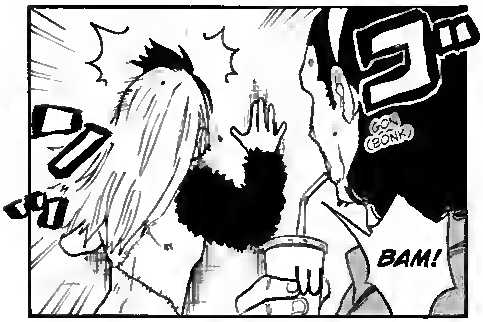
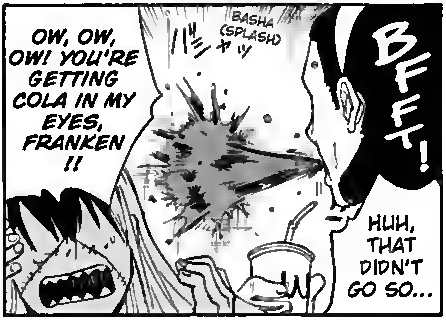
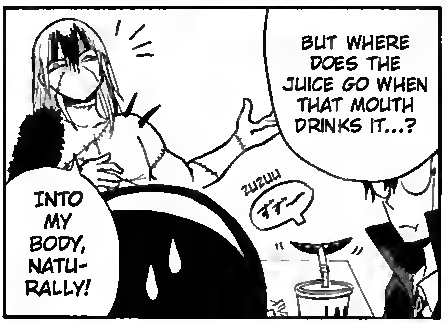


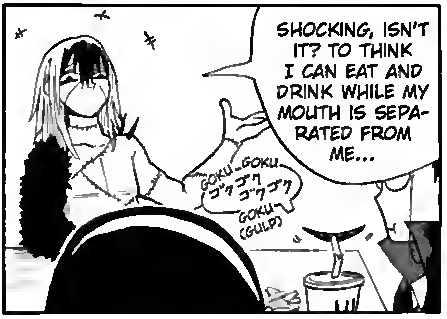


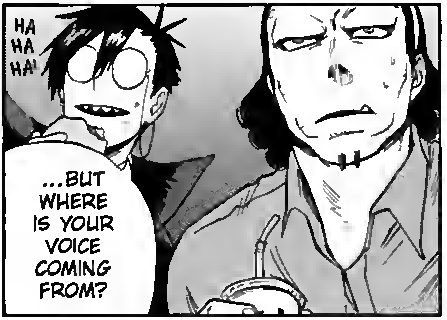


TO FREAK OUT THE FREAKS 2

YES, EVEN HIS FACIAL FEARURES ARE INTER-CHANGE-ABLE.
WHAT'D YOU DO, ANYWAY?
YOU'VE BEEN DOING SOME WORK BEHIND MY BACK, HUH.
ZUUU (SLURP)







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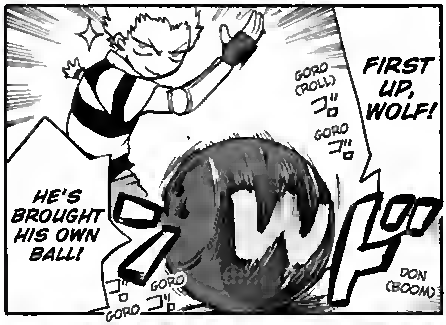

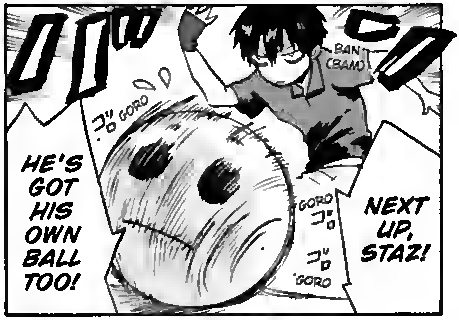

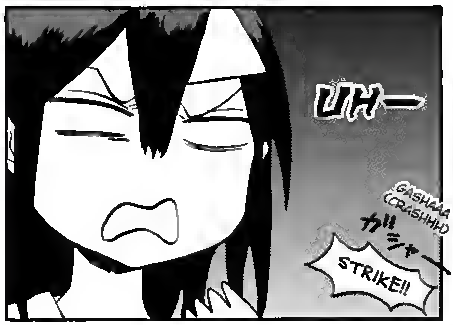

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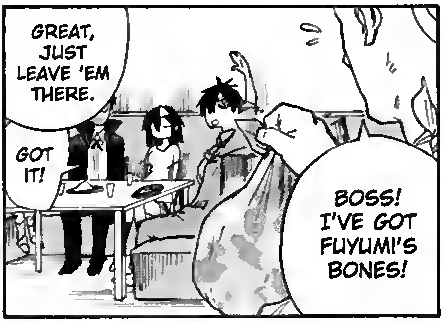
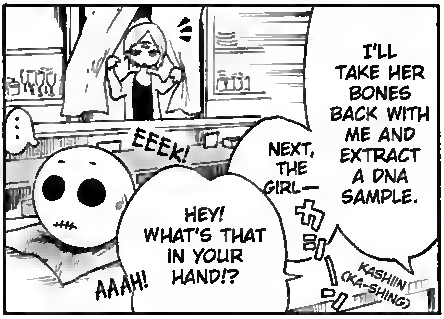
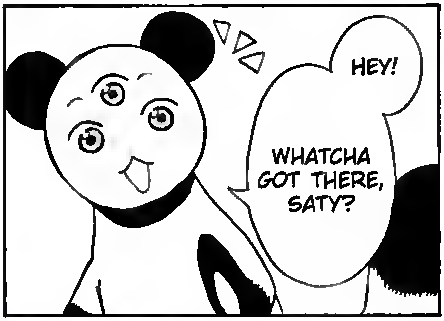
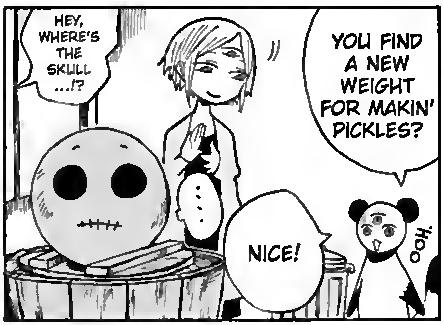



I'LL TAKE HER BONES BACK WITH ME AND EXTRACT A DNA SAMPLE.
NEXT, THE GIRL—
KASHIIN (KA-SHING)
EEEK!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND!?
AAAH!





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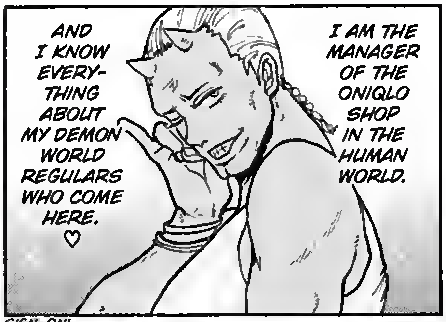
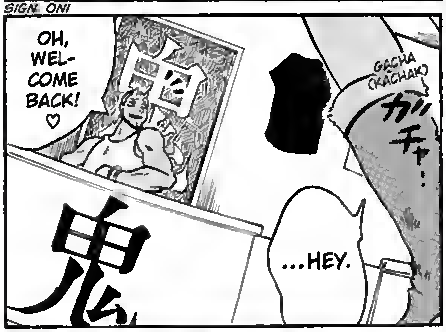
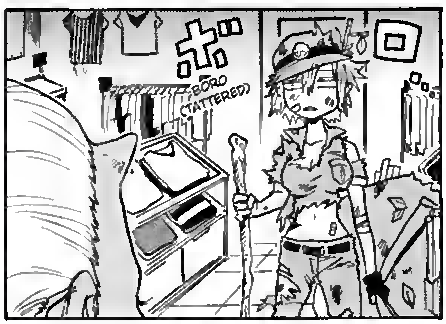
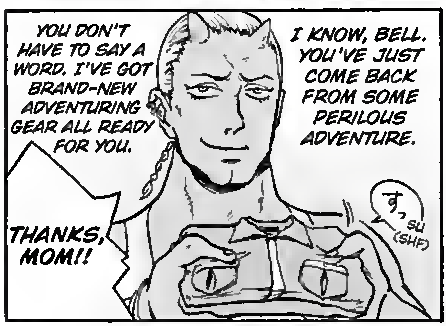
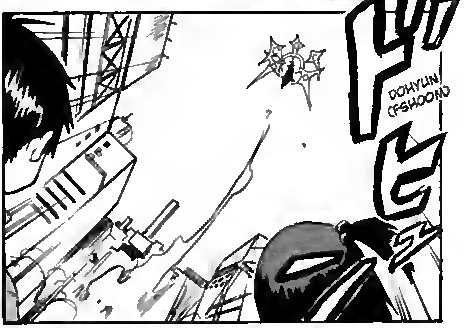


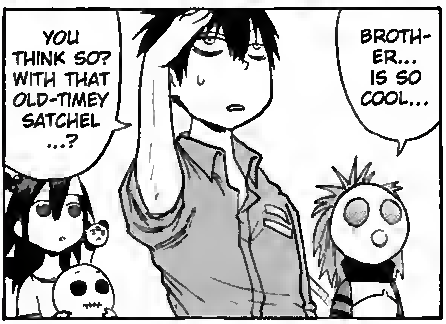


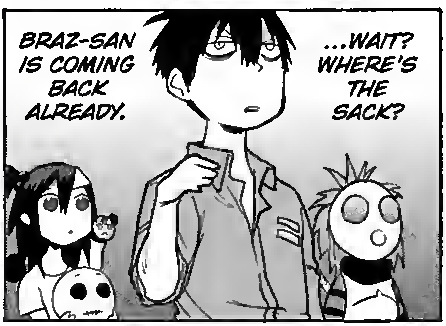



YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY A WORD. I'VE GOT BRAND-NEW ADVENTURING GEAR ALL READY FOR YOU.
I KNOW, BELL. YOU'VE JUST COME BACK FROM SOME PERILOUS ADVENTURE.
THANKS, MOM!!
す SU (SHF)

SOMEDAY, YOU'LL PAY 3







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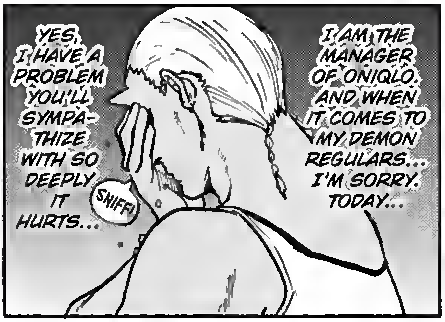
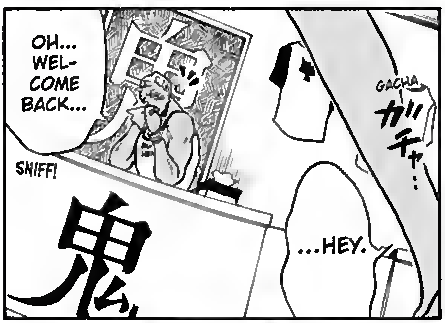
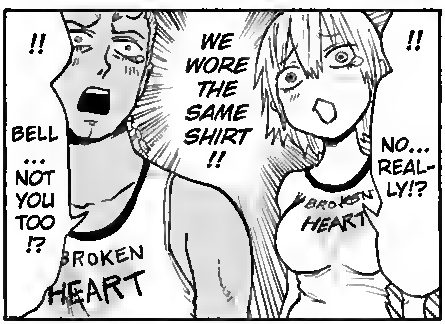
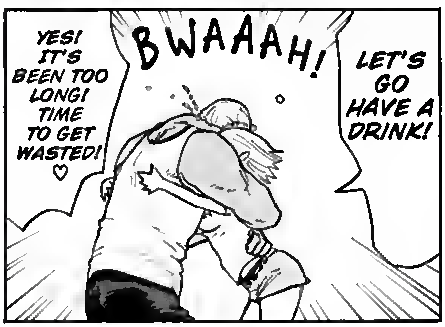

YES, I HAVE A PROBLEM YOU'LL SYMPATHIZE WITH SO DEEPLY IT HURTS...
SNIFF!
I AM THE MANAGER OF ONIQLO. AND WHEN IT COMES TO MY DEMON REGULARS... I'M SORRY. TODAY...







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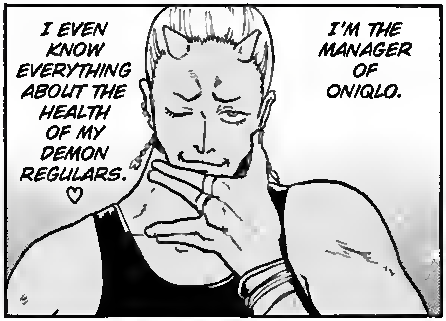
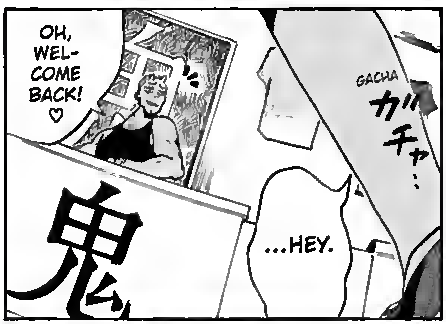
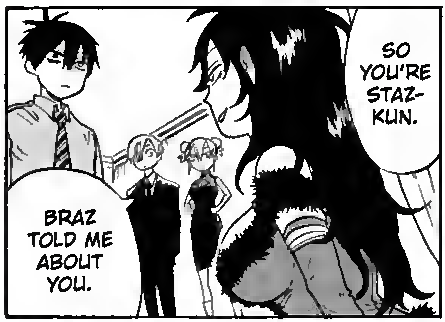




I ALREADY KNOW, BELL... WE DON'T NEED WORDS. JUST TAKE THIS...
PFFFT!
WHAT!? IF YOU'RE GONNA LAUGH AT ME, AT LEAST GO AHEAD AND SAY SOMETHING!!
SU

A VAMPIRIC REACTION 2



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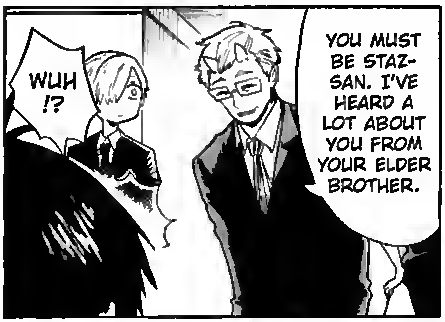
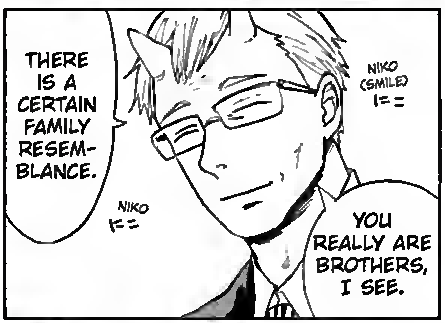
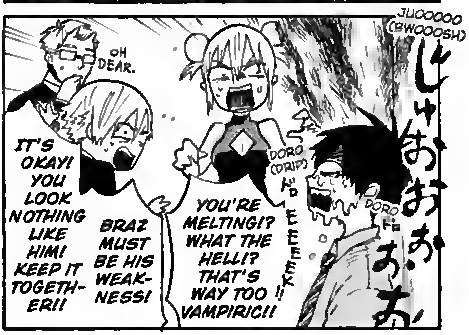
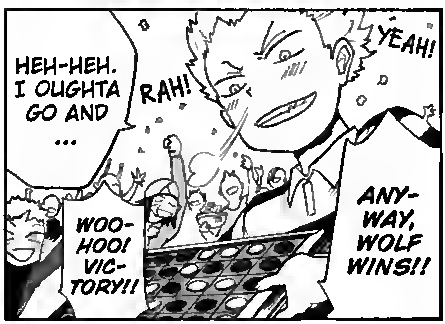
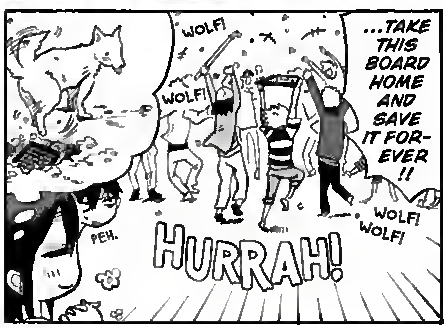





JUGOOOO (SWOOOSH)
しゃおおお
OH DEAR.
IT'S OKAY! YOU LOOK NOTHING LIKE HIM! KEEP IT TOGETH-ER!!
BRAZ MUST BE HIS WEAK-NESS!
DORO (DRIP)
YOU'RE MELTING!? WHAT THE HELL!? THAT'S WAY TOO VAMPIRIC!!
DORO

BOW-WOW-WOLF 1





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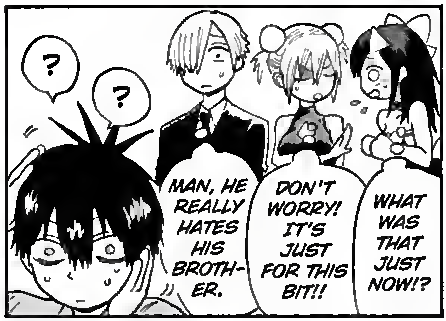

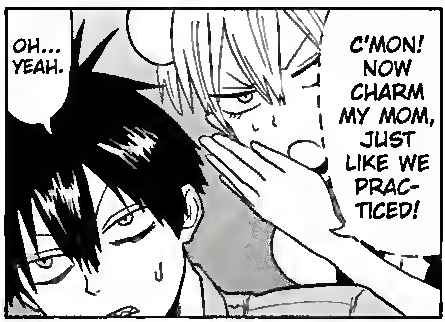

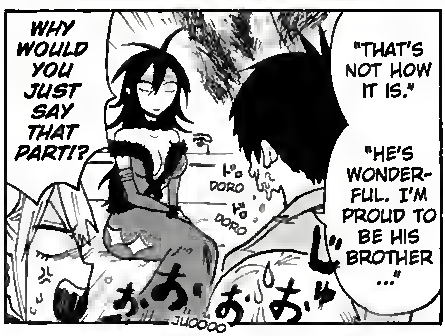

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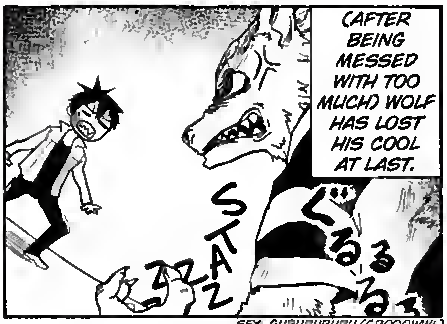
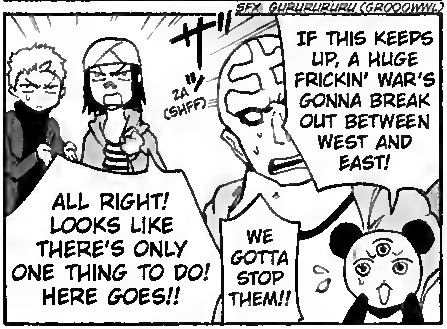
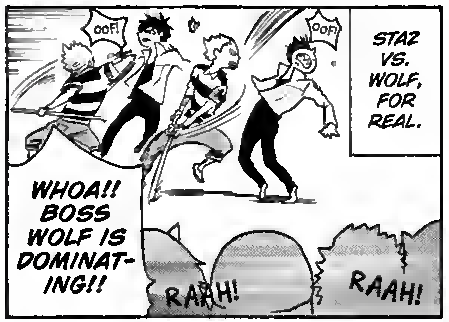
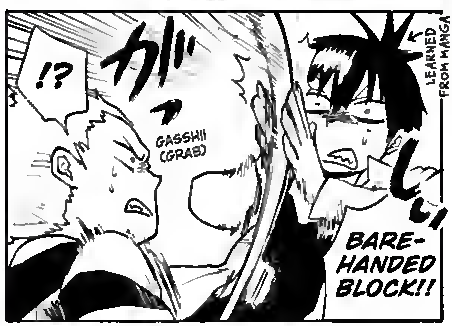
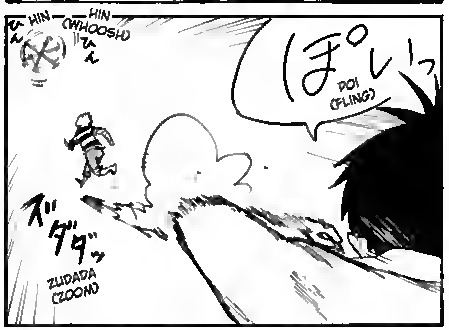


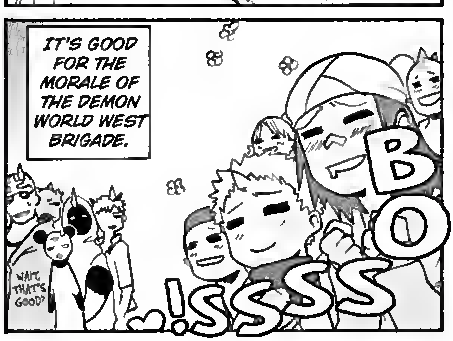

SFX: GURURURURU (GROOOWWL)
IF THIS KEEPS UP, A HUGE FRICKIN' WAR'S GONNA BREAK OUT BETWEEN WEST AND EAST!
ZA (SHFF)
ALL RIGHT! LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! HERE GOES!!
WE GOTTA STOP THEM!!

BOW-WOW-WOLF 2









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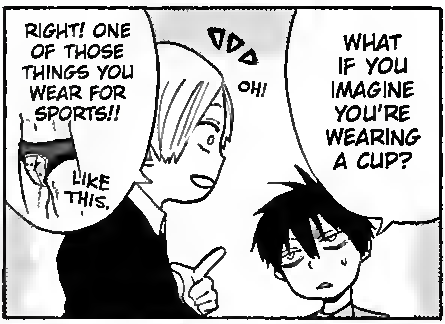
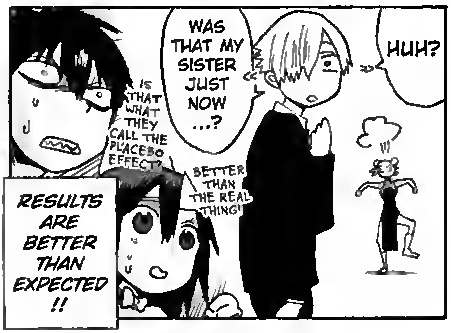
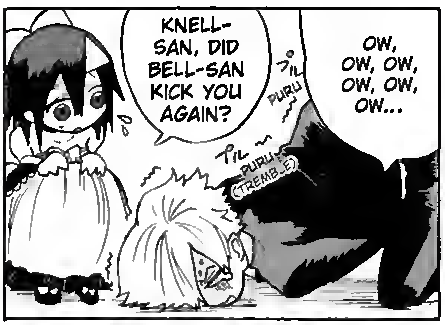
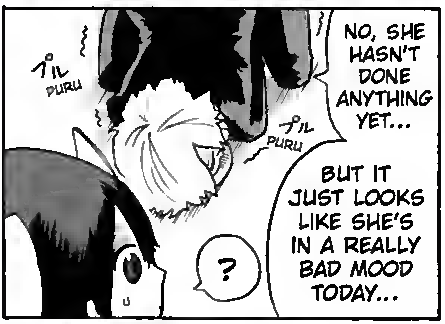
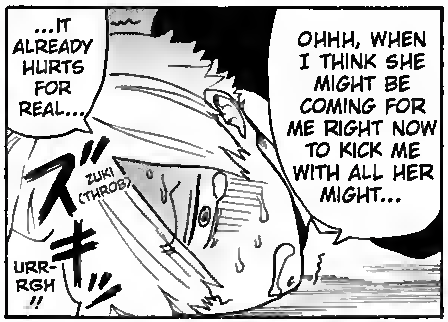


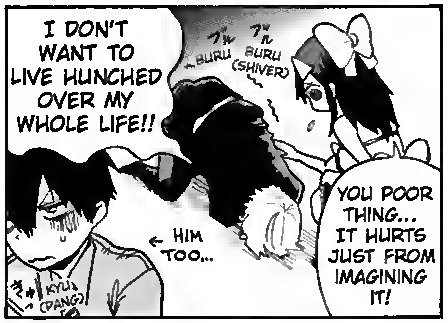

WAS THAT MY SISTER JUST NOW ...?
HUH?
IS THAT WHAT THEY CALL THE PLACEBO EFFECT?
BETTER THAN THE REAL THING!
RESULTS ARE BETTER THAN EXPECTED !!

YIELD AND BECOME STRONGER 1

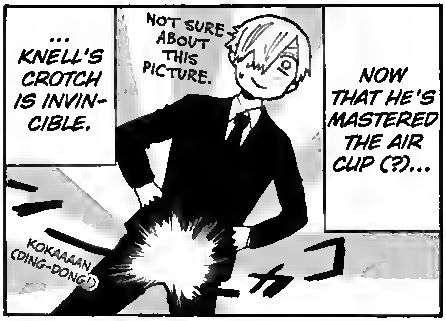


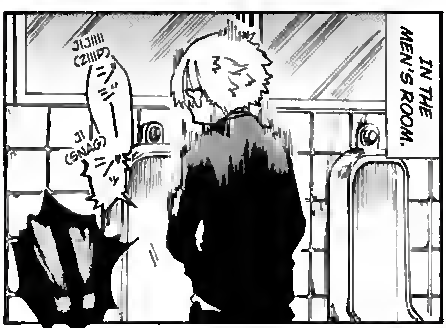



...IT ALREADY HURTS FOR REAL...
ZUKI (THROB)
URR-RGH !!
OHHH, WHEN I THINK SHE MIGHT BE COMING FOR ME RIGHT NOW TO KICK ME WITH ALL HER MIGHT...


I DON'T WANT TO LIVE HUNCHED OVER MY WHOLE LIFE!!
PURU ~PURU (SHIVER)
← HIM TOO...
KYU (PANG)
YOU POOR THING... IT HURTS JUST FROM IMAGINING IT!

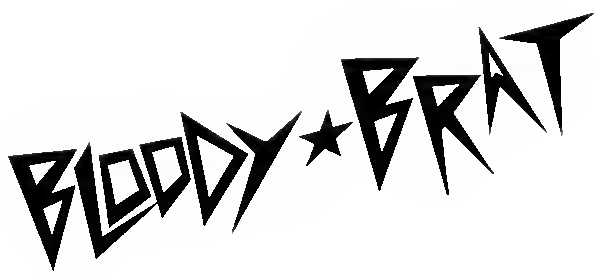
YIELD AND BECOME STRONGER 3

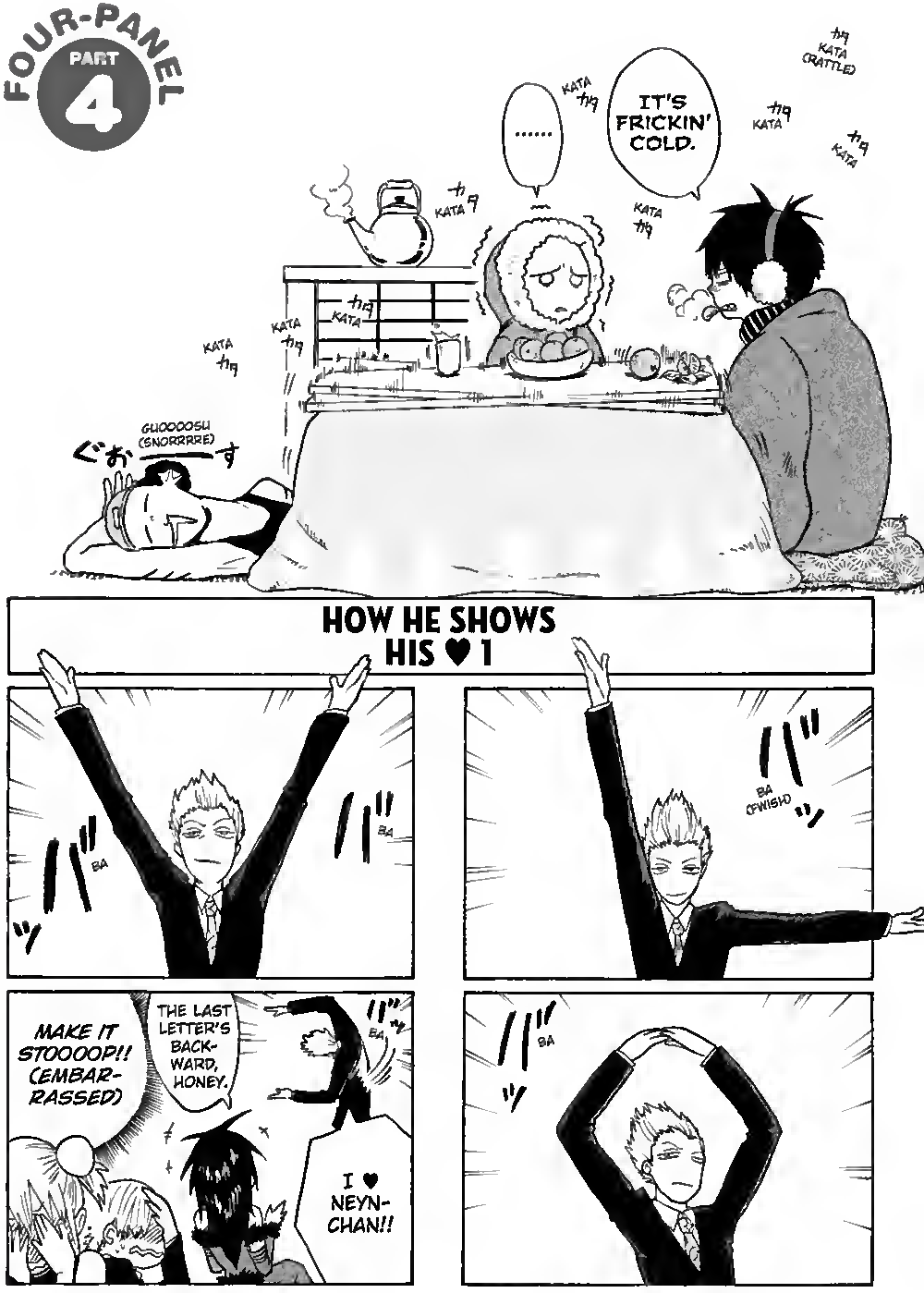




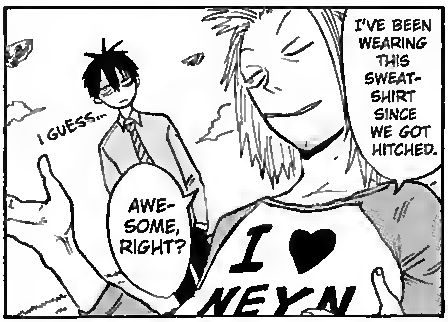
DUDE, HOW HARD DOES YOUR SISTER KICK YOU?
THOUGH, THANKS TO HER, I AM LESS VULNERABLE TO IMPACT TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.
OW! BAD LANDING
GAN (WHAM)

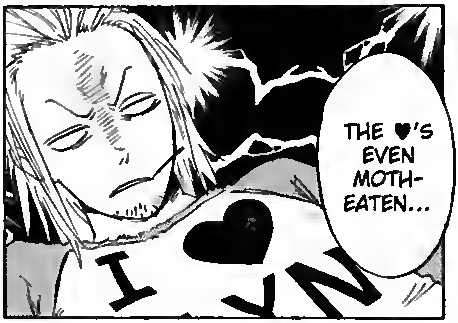
MY SPECIAL POWER IS GUESSING LADIES' MEASURE-MENTS!
JUST FROM A LOOK!
C'MON, TEST ME!
SHP!
SHP!
SHP!

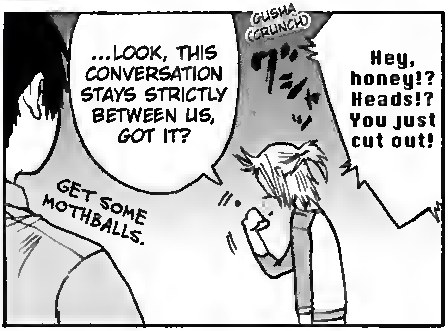

BLOODY★BRAT


FOUR-PANEL
PART 4
KATA (RATTLE)
KATA
.....
IT'S FRICKIN' COLD.
GUOOOOSU (SNORRRRE)
HOW HE SHOWS HIS ♥ 1
BA
BA (TWISH)
MAKE IT STOOOOP!! (EMBARRASSED)
THE LAST LETTER'S BACKWARD, HONEY.
I ♥ NEYN-CHAN!!

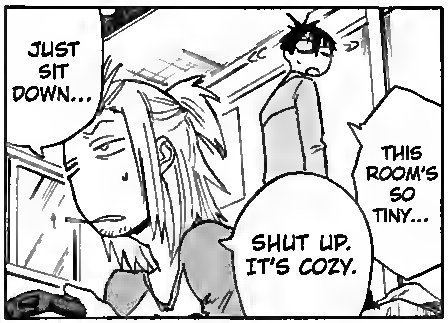
HOW HE SHOWS HIS ♥ 2

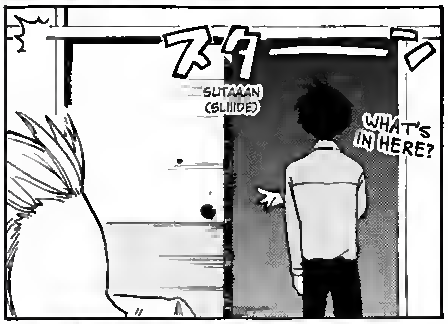




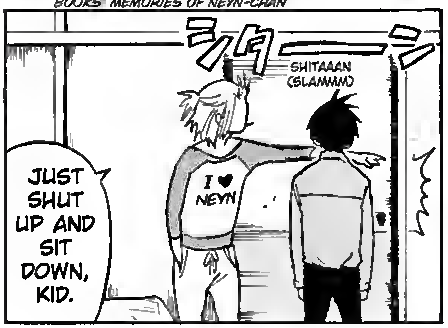

GUSHA (CRUNCH)
...LOOK, THIS CONVERSATION STAYS STRICTLY BETWEEN US, GOT IT?
GET SOME MOTHBALLS.
Hey, honey!? Heads!? You just cut out!

HOW HE SHOWS HIS ♥ 3

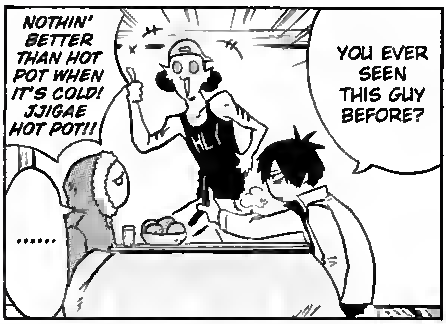


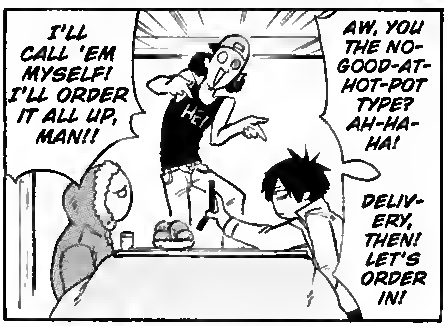


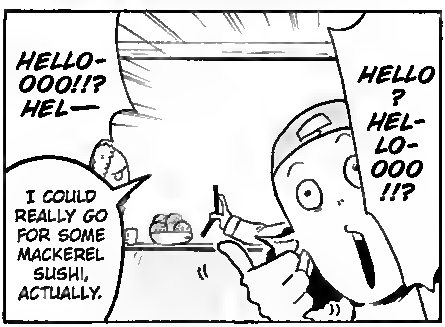
BOOKS' MEMORIES OF NEYN-CHAN

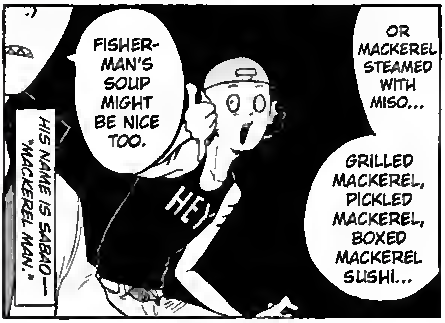


FRESH FISH 2

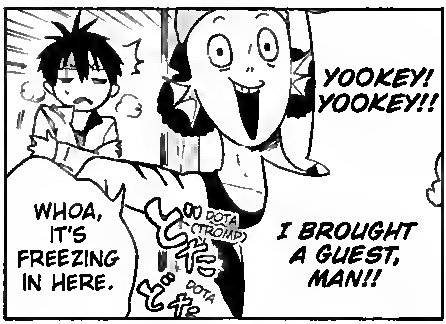


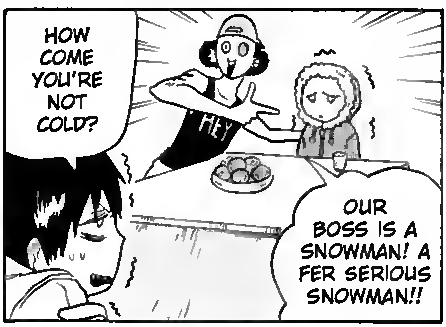


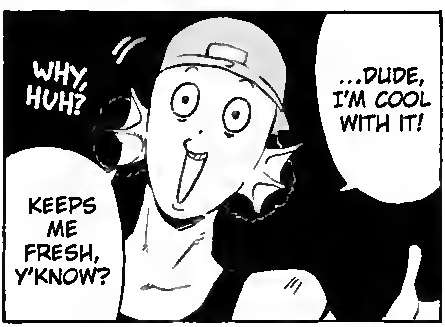


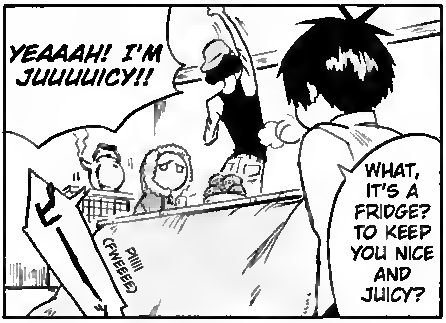

HIS NAME IS SABAO— "MACKEREL MAN."
FISHER-MAN'S SOUP MIGHT BE NICE TOO.
OR MACKEREL STEAMED WITH MISO...
GRILLED MACKEREL, PICKLED MACKEREL, BOXED MACKEREL SUSHI...

FRESH FISH 1









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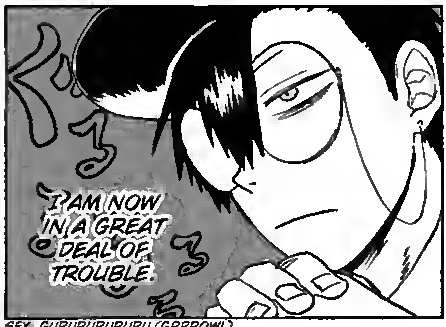
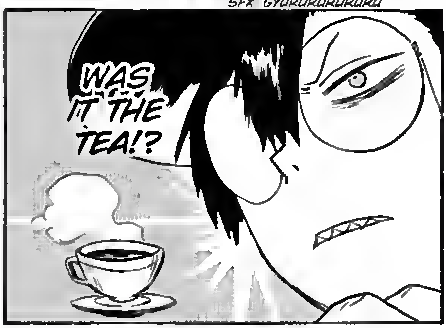


SFX: GURURURURURU (GRRROWL)

SFX: GYURURURURURU



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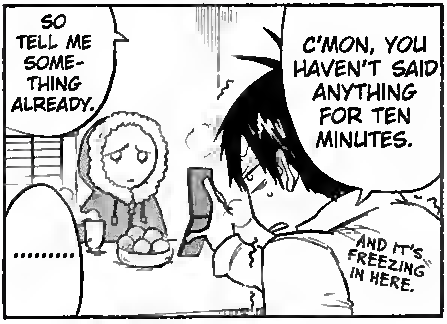
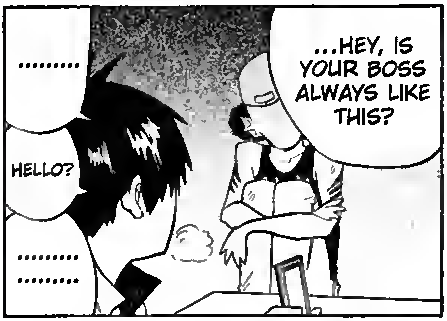
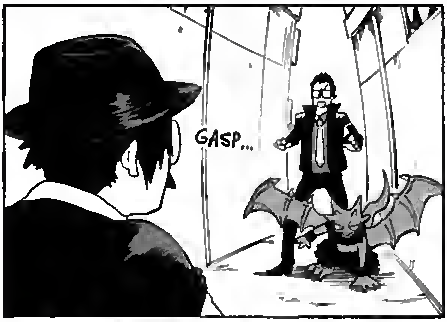
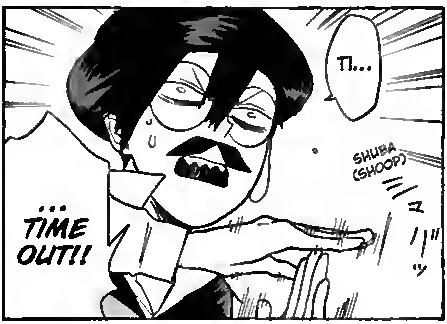




NOT GOOD 2

SFX: GYURURURURURURU
TAKA
TAKA
TAKA
TAKA (STRIDE)
I'LL JUST HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE STOMACHACHE AND AVOID GETTING CAUGHT FOR HALF AN HOUR—
STILL, I CAN'T STAY HERE LIKE THIS. GOYLE WILL COME FOR ME.





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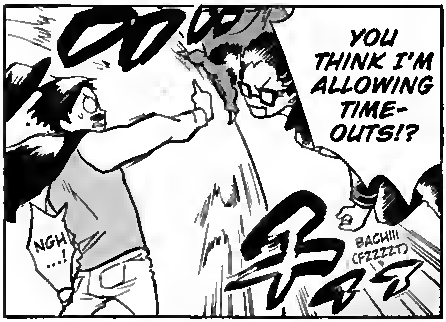

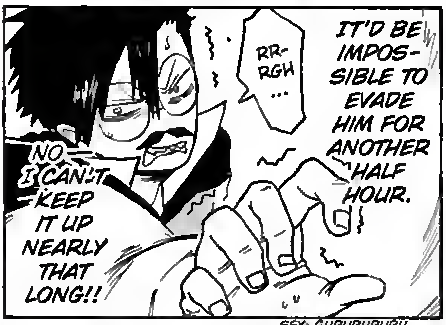

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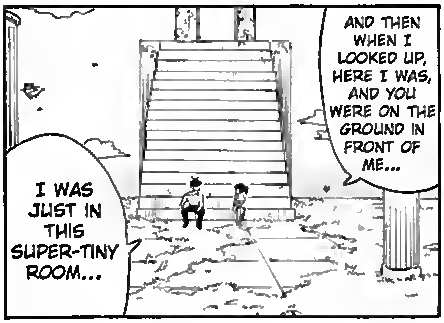

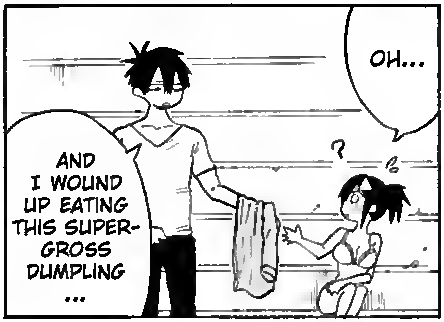

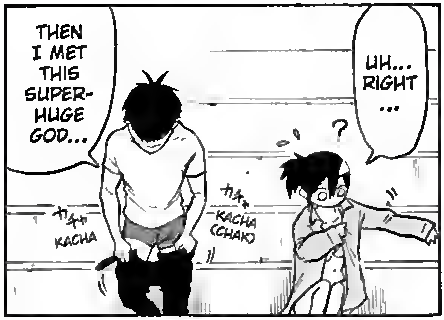

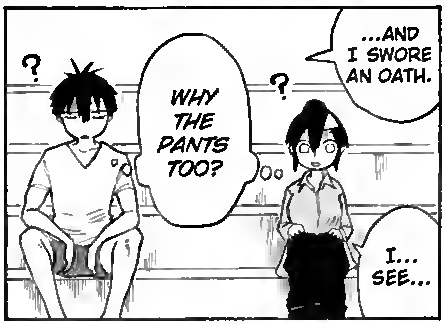

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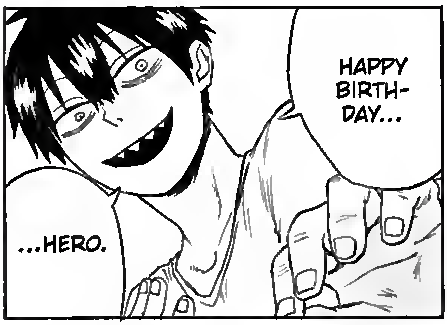
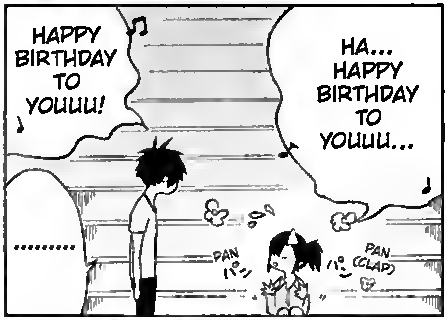
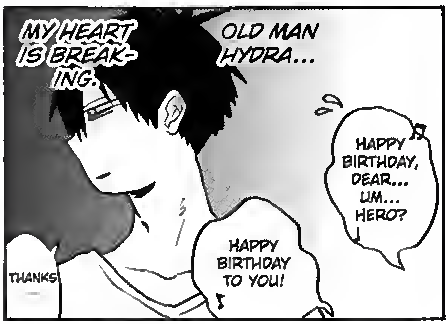
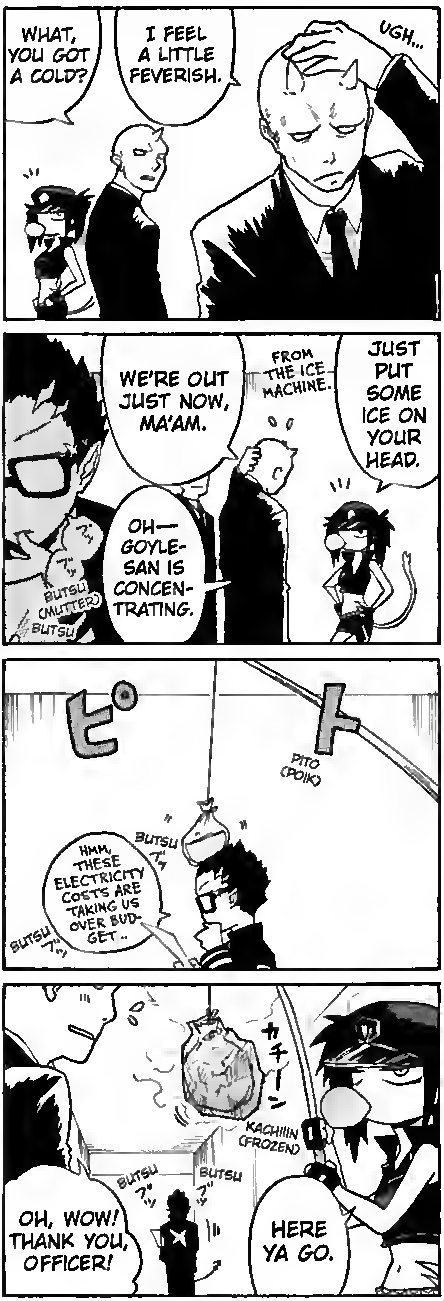






NICE WORK, CAPTAIN AWESOME 1



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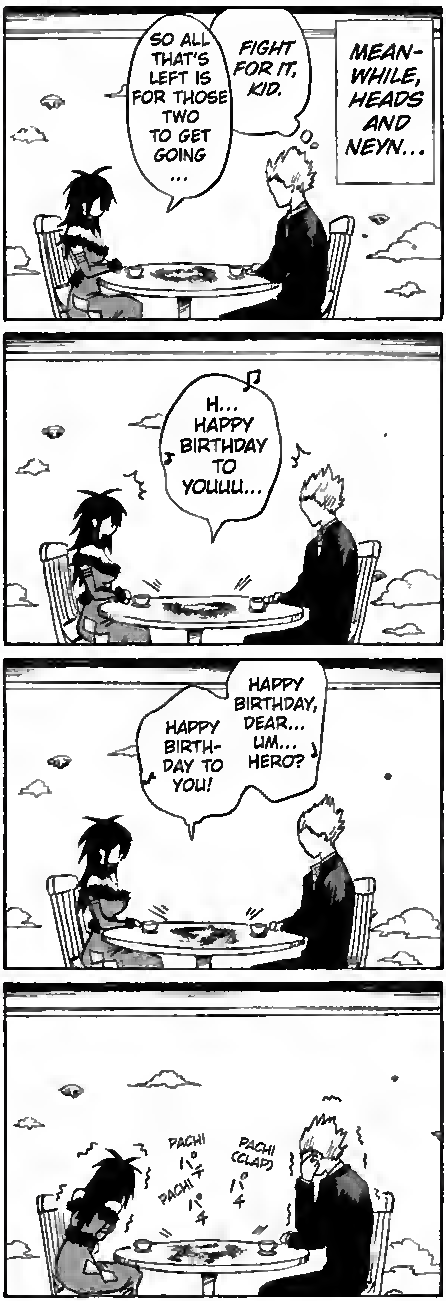
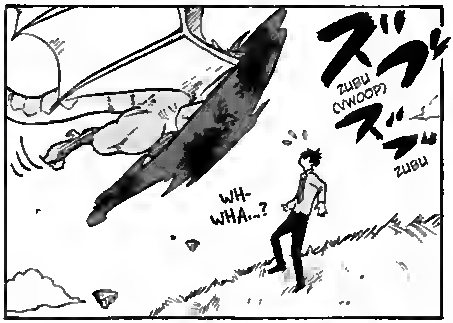

SO ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR THOSE TWO TO GET GOING ...
FIGHT FOR IT, KID.
MEAN-WHILE, HEADS AND NEYN...
H... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOUUU...
HAPPY BIRTH-DAY TO YOU!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR... UM.... HERO?
PACHI
PACHI
PACHI (CLAP)

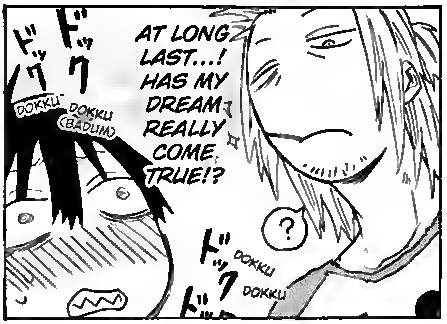
NICE WORK, CAPTAIN AWESOME 3

NICE WORK, CAPTAIN AWESOME 2

HMM...
WHAT'S UP, BOSS? WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHIN'?
HMM. HOW DO I DEAL WITH THIS...?
AHA! IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS YOU NEED TO KEEP A COOL HEAD AND MAKE YOUR DECISION.
OKAY. HERE GOES ...!!
REDUCING THE ELECTRIC BILL, SIR.
YOU TOLD US TO CUT COSTS.
I SEE...
KAKIIIN (KACHINK)
...OFFICER BEROS, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING?

HYDRA RULES 2





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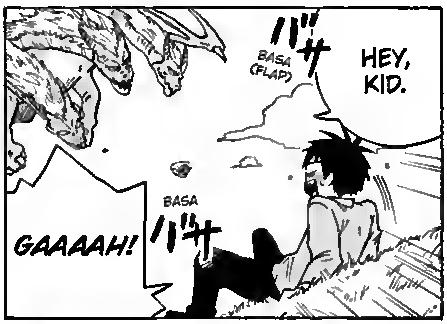

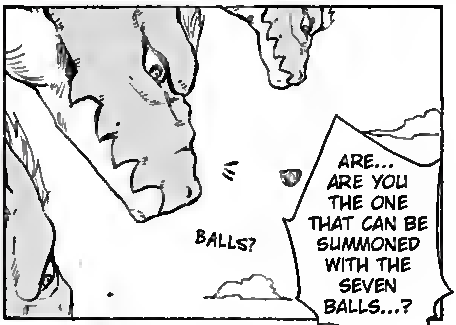

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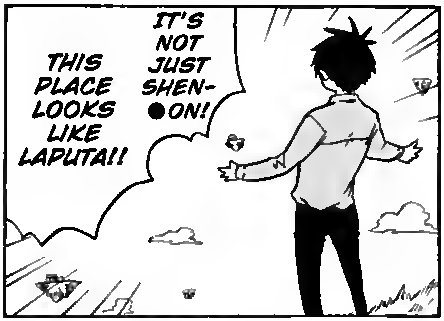
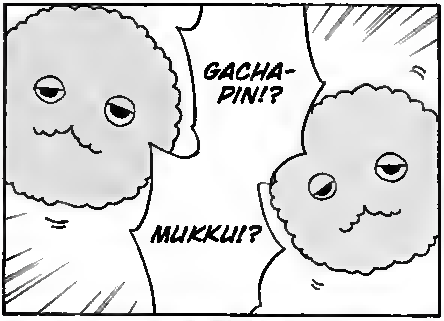
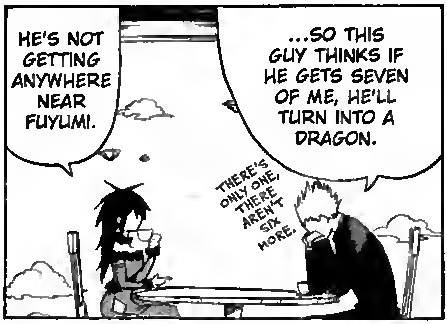
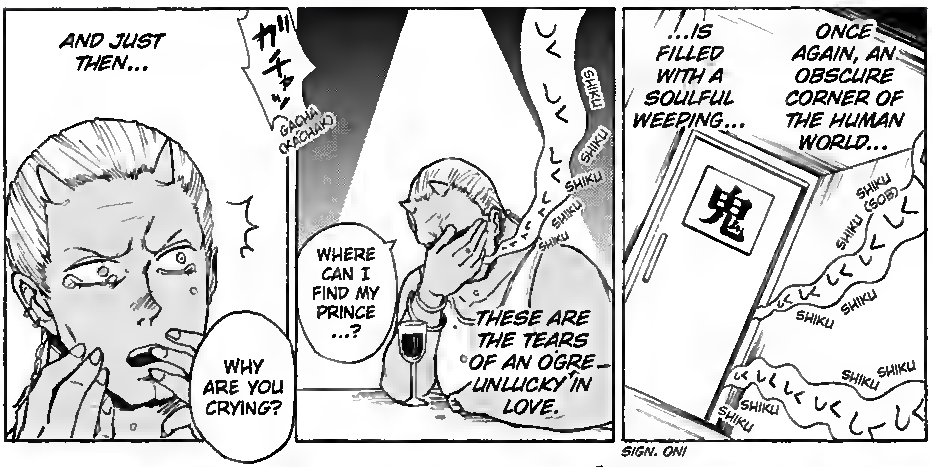
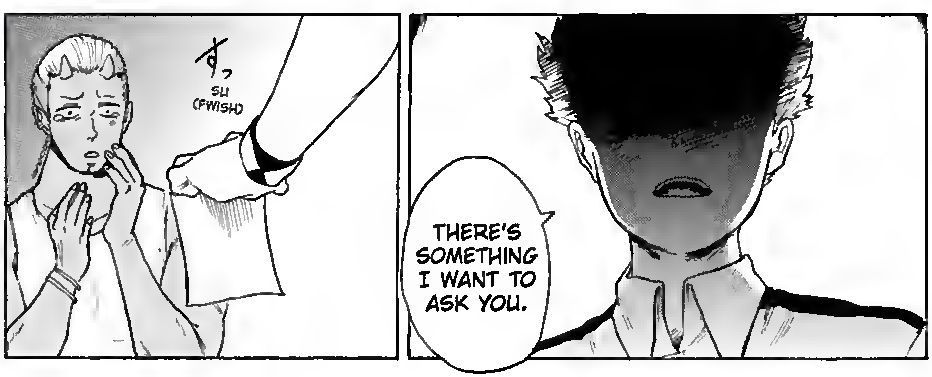





HE'S NOT GETTING ANYWHERE NEAR FUYUMI.
...SO THIS GUY THINKS IF HE GETS SEVEN OF ME, HE'LL TURN INTO A DRAGON.
THERE'S ONLY ONE, THERE AREN'T SIX MORE.

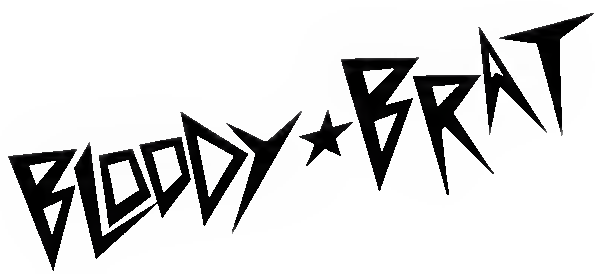
IT'S TOUGH BEING A DEMON


AND JUST THEN...
GACHA (KACHAK)
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
WHERE CAN I FIND MY PRINCE ...?
SHIKU
THESE ARE THE TEARS OF AN OGRE— UNLUCKY IN LOVE.
...IS FILLED WITH A SOULFUL WEEPING...
ONCE AGAIN, AN OBSCURE CORNER OF THE HUMAN WORLD...
鬼
SHIKU (SOB)
SIGN. ONI



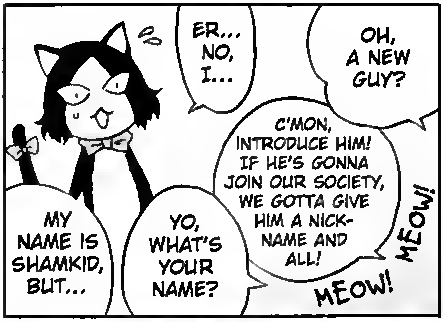
IS THE PLACE CIRCLED ON THIS MAP AROUND HERE OR WHAT?
OH MY...
IT WAS NOT A PRINCE, BUT A LOST BOY. AND YET, THANKS TO HIM, THE OGRE WAS ABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE PANGS OF HEARTBREAK.
SO, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN THE HUMAN WORLD, HUH?
THE "SUN" MUST HAVE GIVEN YOU A SHOCK.
CHIN (CLINK)
IF I SPEND A LONG TIME IN THE HUMAN WORLD, WILL I GET ALL TAN LIKE YOU?

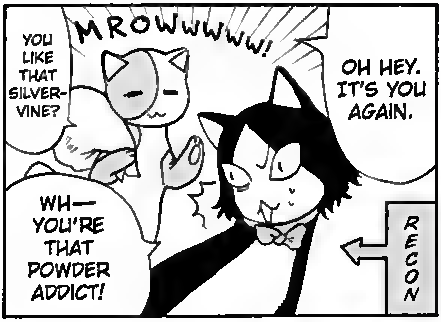
BLACK 'N' WHITE IS WHERE IT'S AT.
RIGHT?

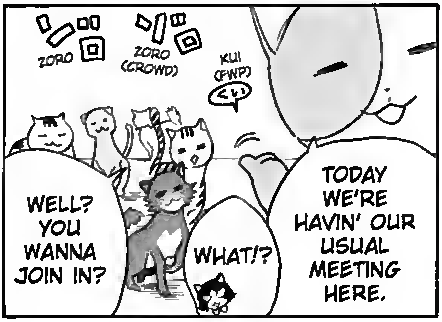

BLOODY★BRAT

FOUR-PANEL PART 5

I AM A LEADER 1

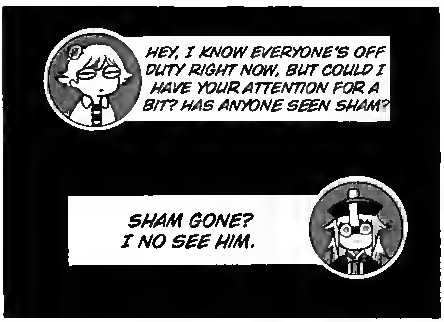

ER... NO, I...
OH, A NEW GUY?
C'MON, INTRODUCE HIM! IF HE'S GONNA JOIN OUR SOCIETY, WE GOTTA GIVE HIM A NICK-NAME AND ALL!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MY NAME IS SHAMKID, BUT...
YO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

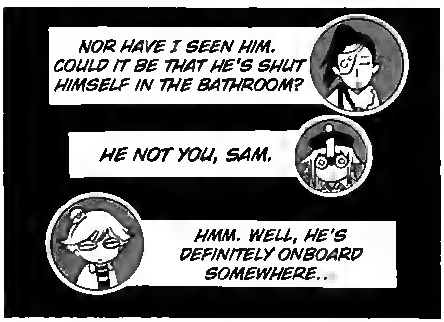


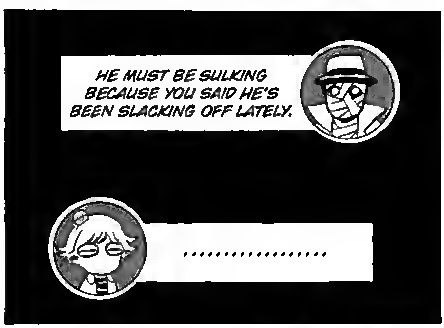


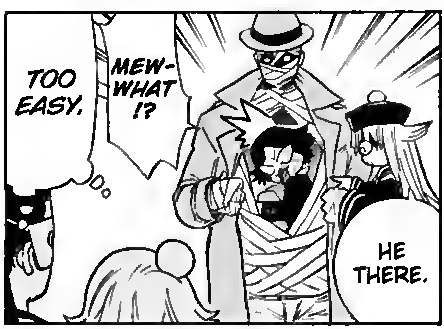
NOTE: REFERENCE TO THE FIRST LINES OF SOSEKI'S NOVEL: "I AM A CAT. AS YET I HAVE NO NAME."

I AM A LEADER 3




NOR HAVE I SEEN HIM. COULD IT BE THAT HE'S SHUT HIMSELF IN THE BATHROOM?
HE NOT YOU, SAM.
HMM. WELL, HE'S DEFINITELY ONBOARD SOMEWHERE..





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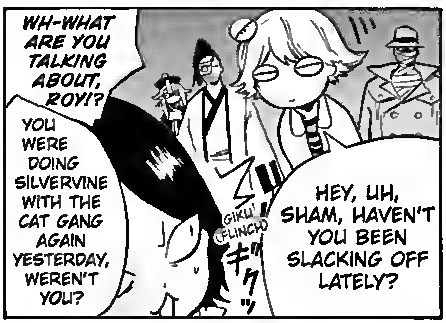
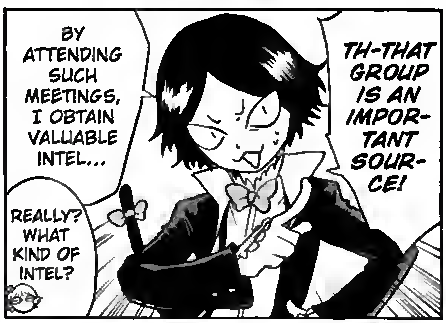
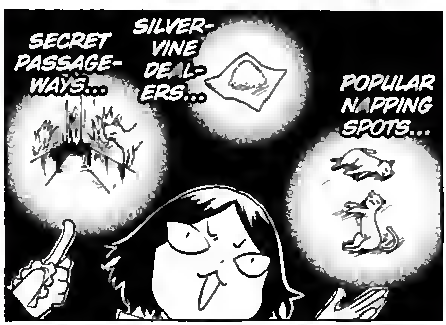

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, ROY!?
YOU WERE DOING SILVERVINE WITH THE CAT GANG AGAIN YESTERDAY, WEREN'T YOU?
GIKU! (FLINCH)
HEY, UH, SHAM, HAVEN'T YOU BEEN SLACKING OFF LATELY?





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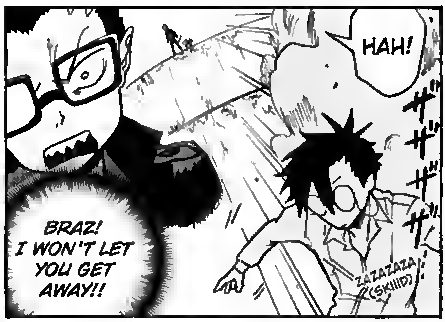

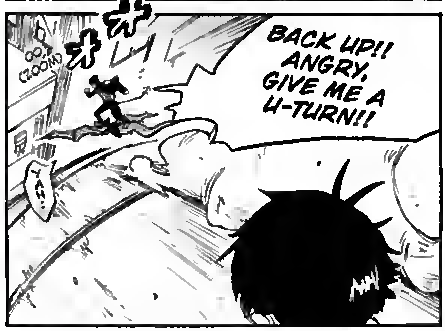

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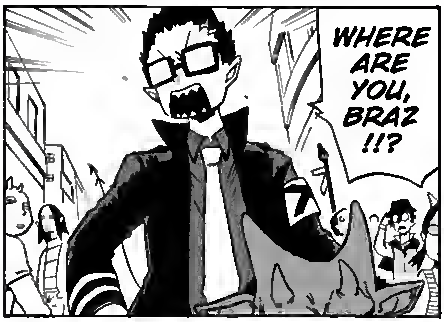

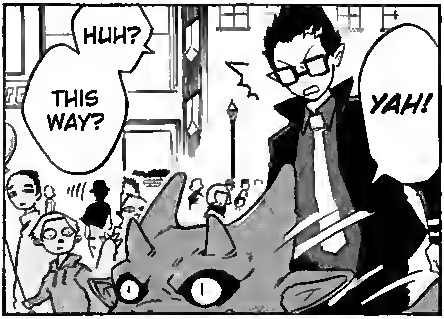

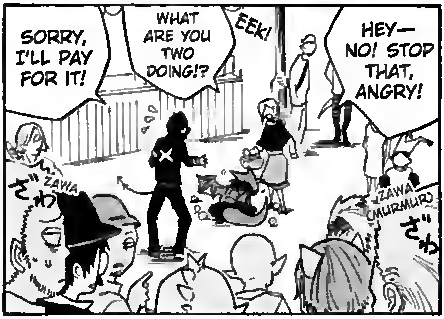

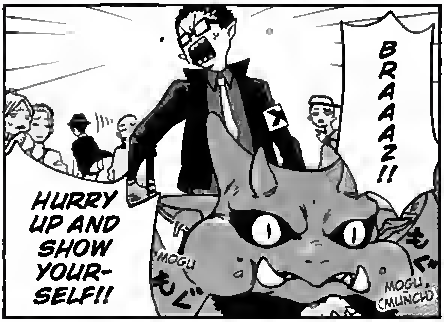

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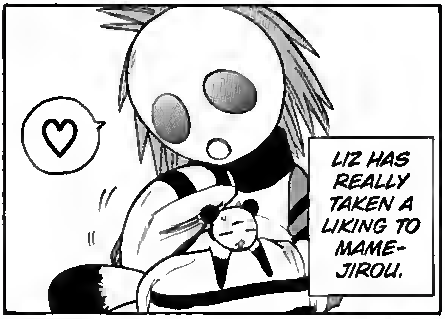

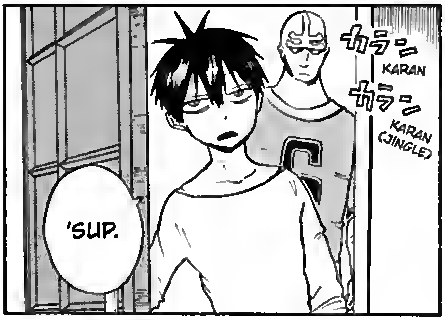

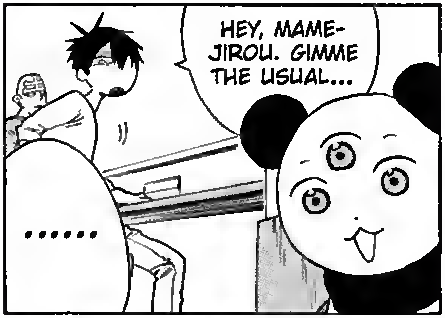

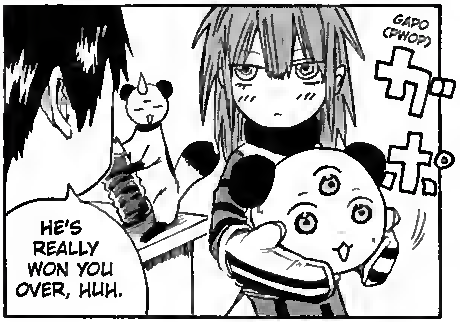

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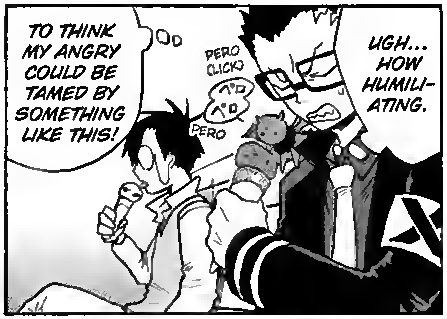

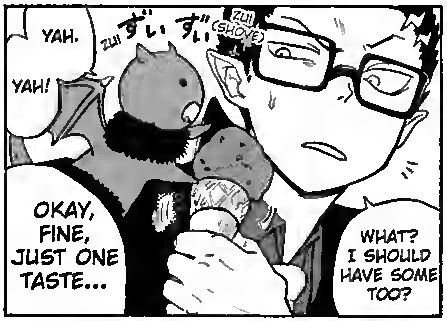

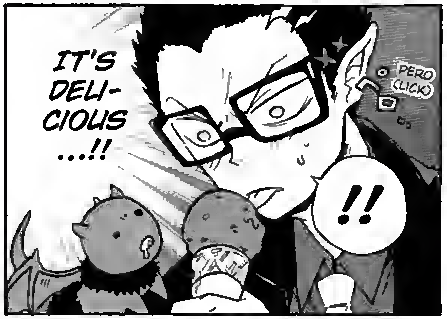

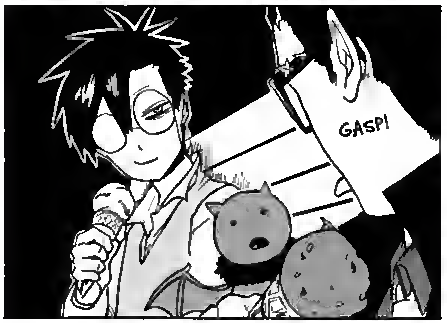

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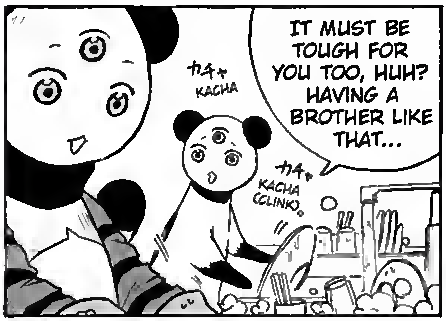

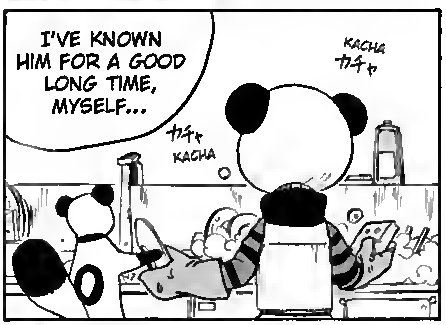

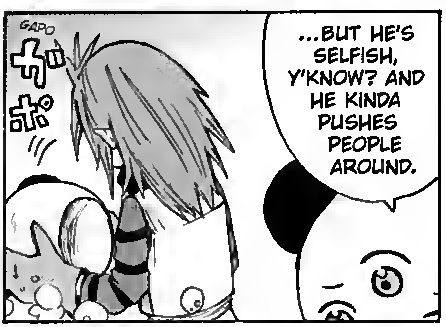

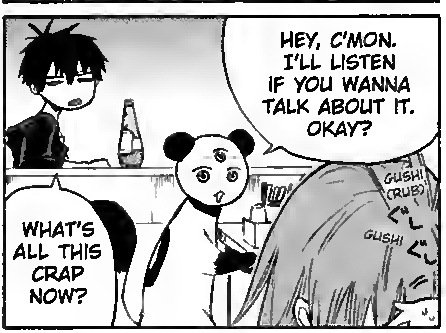

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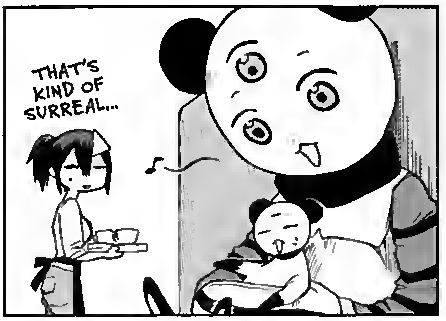

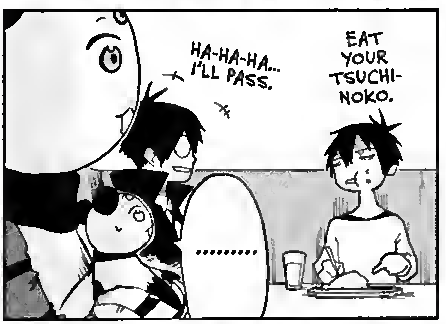

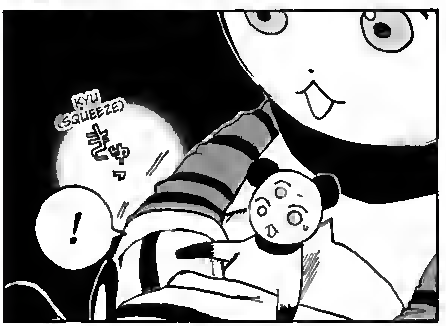

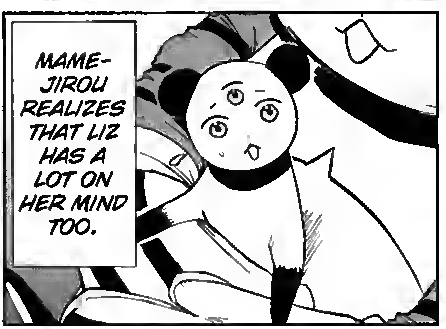

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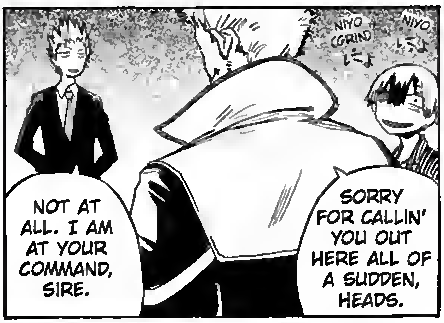

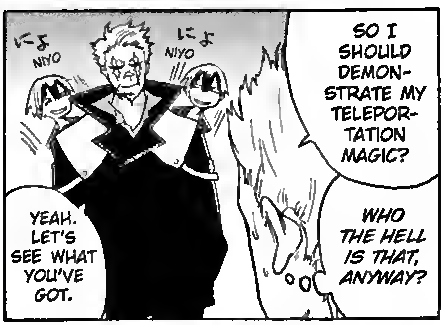

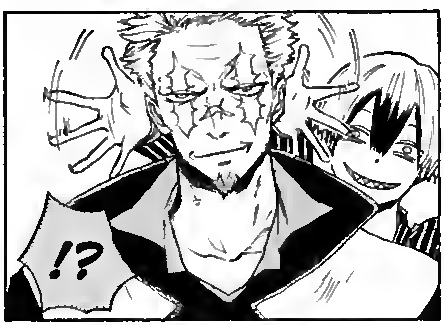

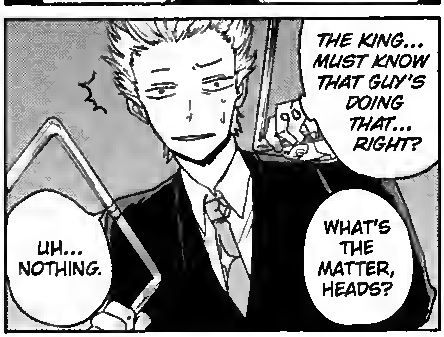

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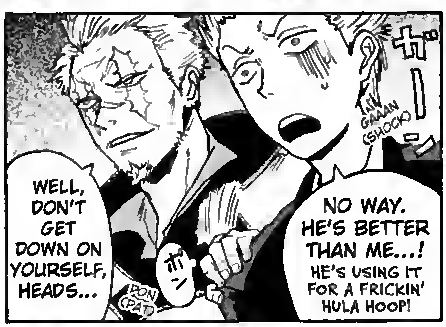

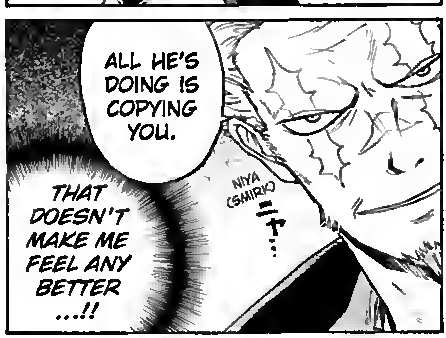

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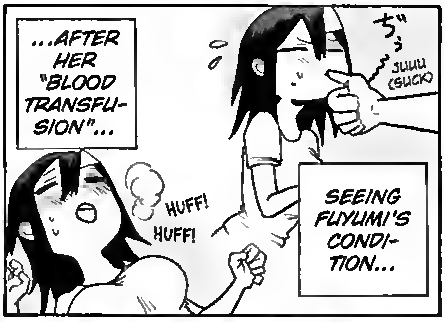

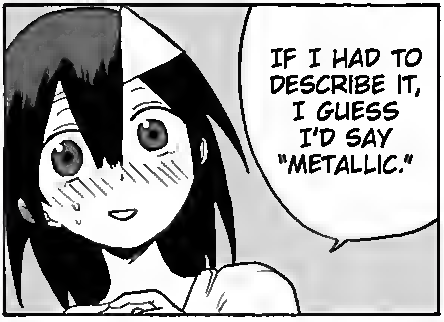

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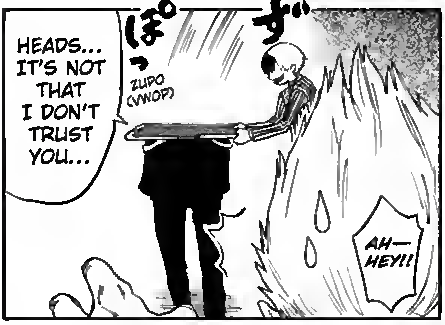

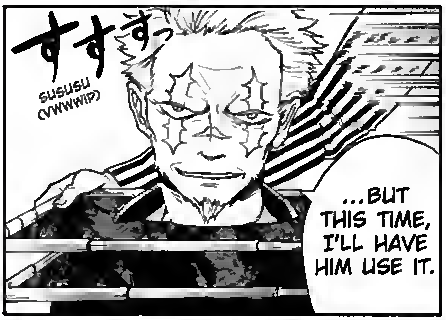

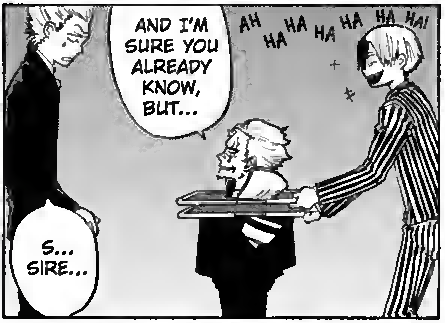

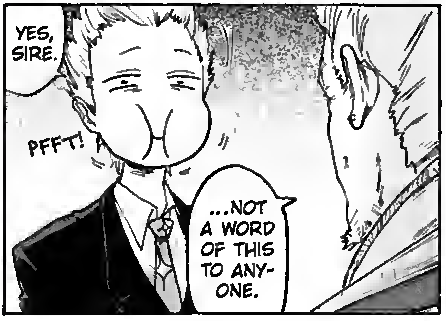

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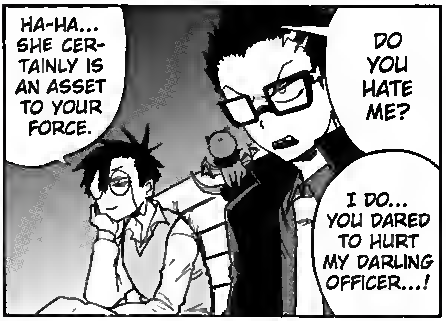
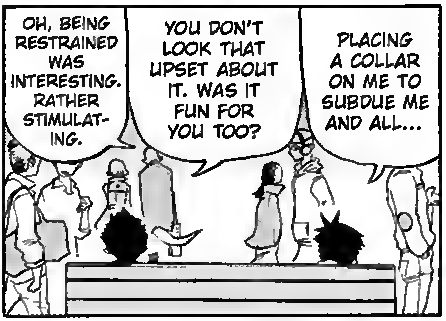
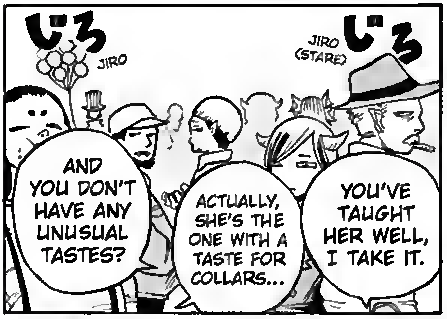



OH, BEING RESTRAINED WAS INTERESTING. RATHER STIMULATING.
YOU DON'T LOOK THAT UPSET ABOUT IT. WAS IT FUN FOR YOU TOO?
PLACING A COLLAR ON ME TO SUBDUE ME AND ALL...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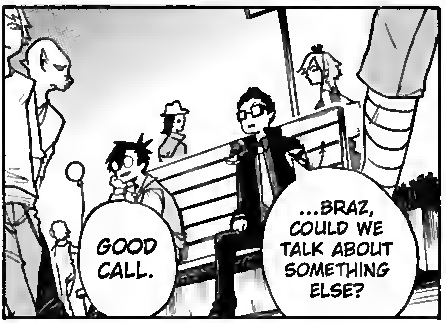
JIRO (STARE)
AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY UNUSUAL TASTES?
ACTUALLY, SHE'S THE ONE WITH A TASTE FOR COLLARS...
YOU'VE TAUGHT HER WELL, I TAKE IT.



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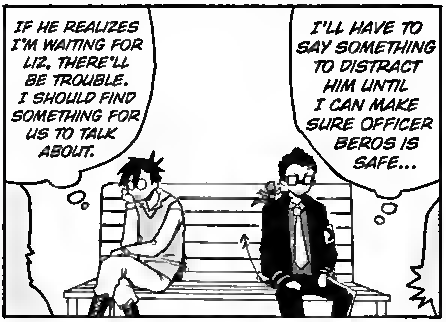
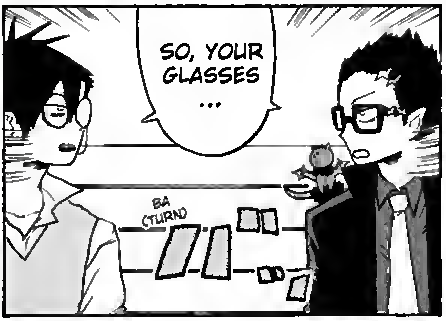
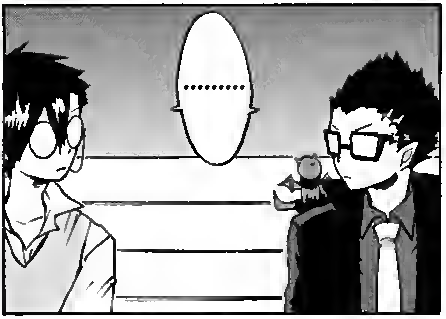
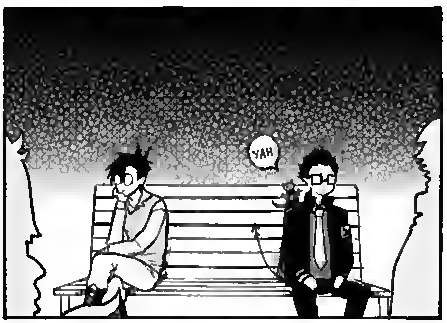

IF HE REALIZES I'M WAITING FOR LIZ, THERE'LL BE TROUBLE. I SHOULD FIND SOMETHING FOR US TO TALK ABOUT.
I'LL HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING TO DISTRACT HIM UNTIL I CAN MAKE SURE OFFICER BEROS IS SAFE...







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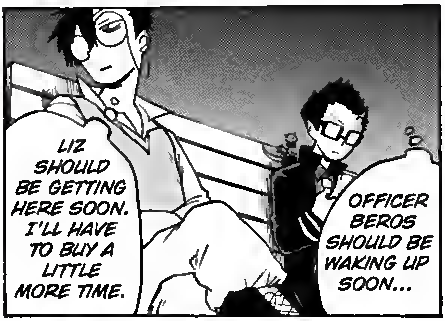

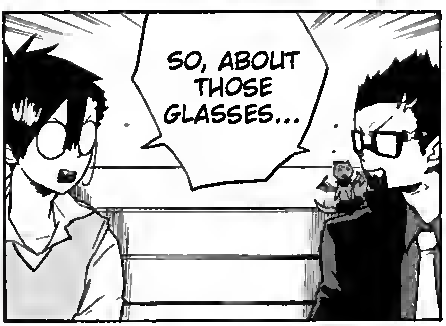

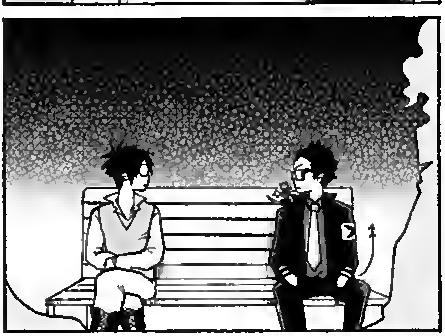

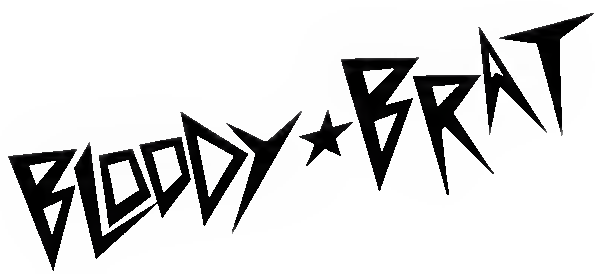
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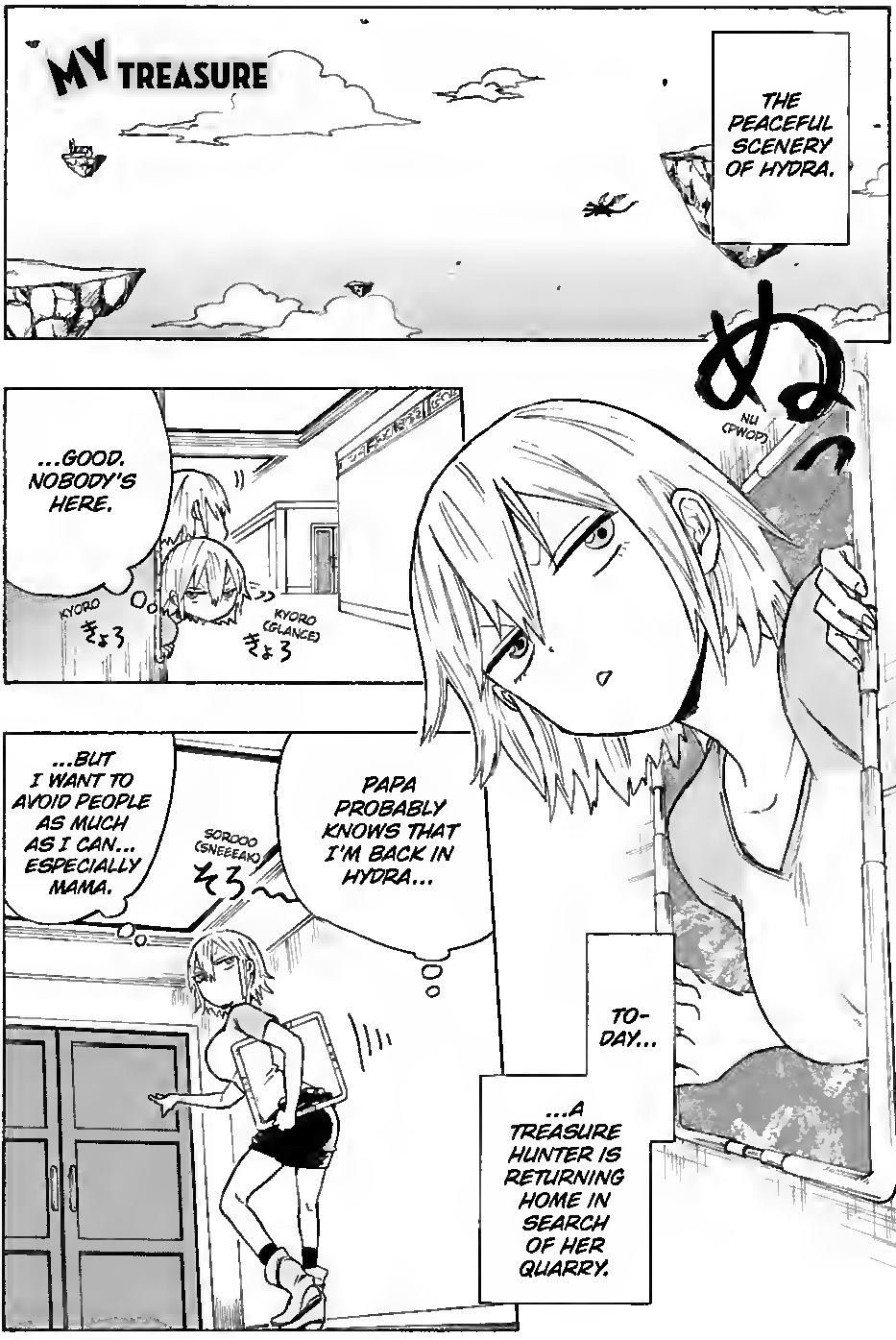
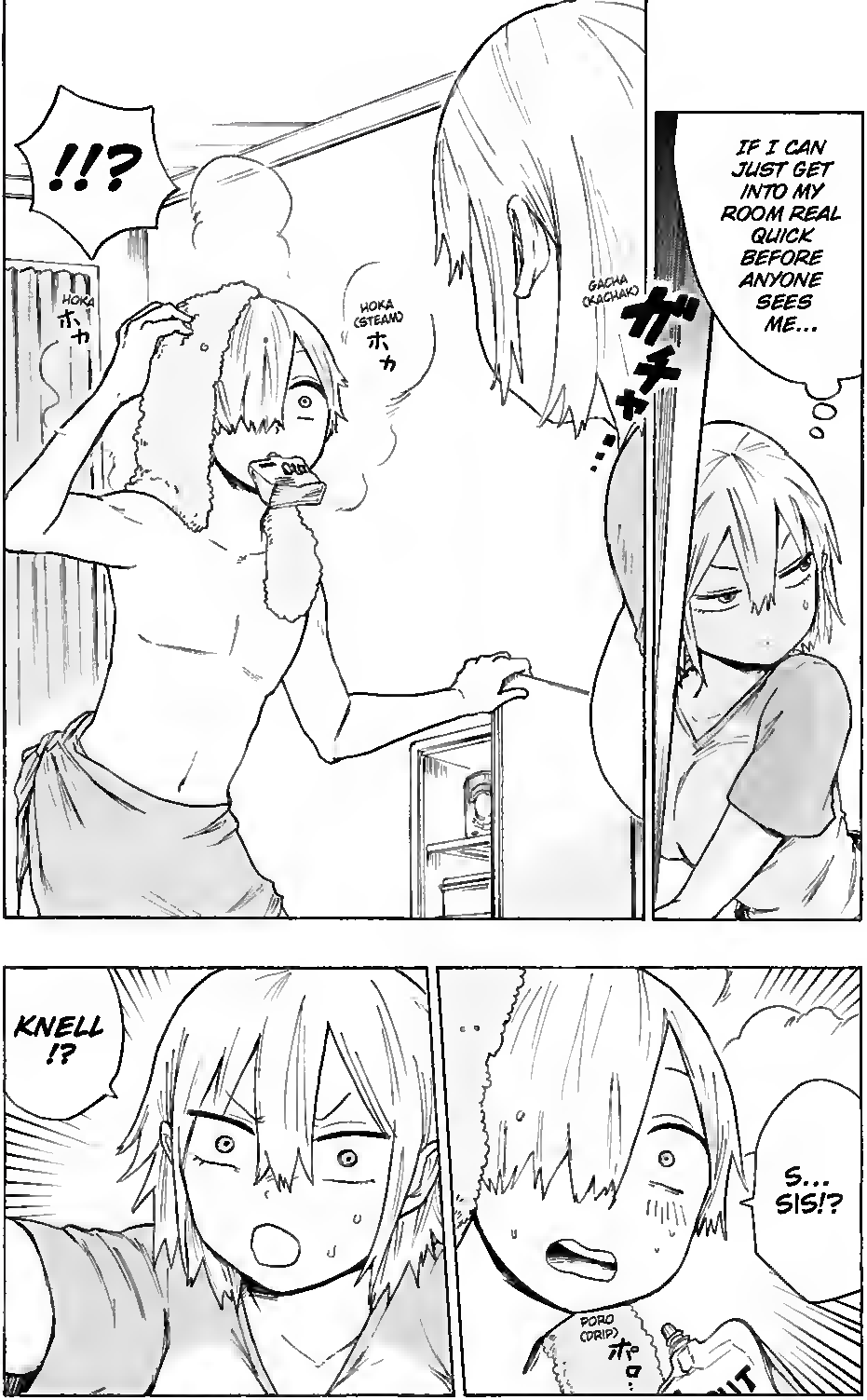
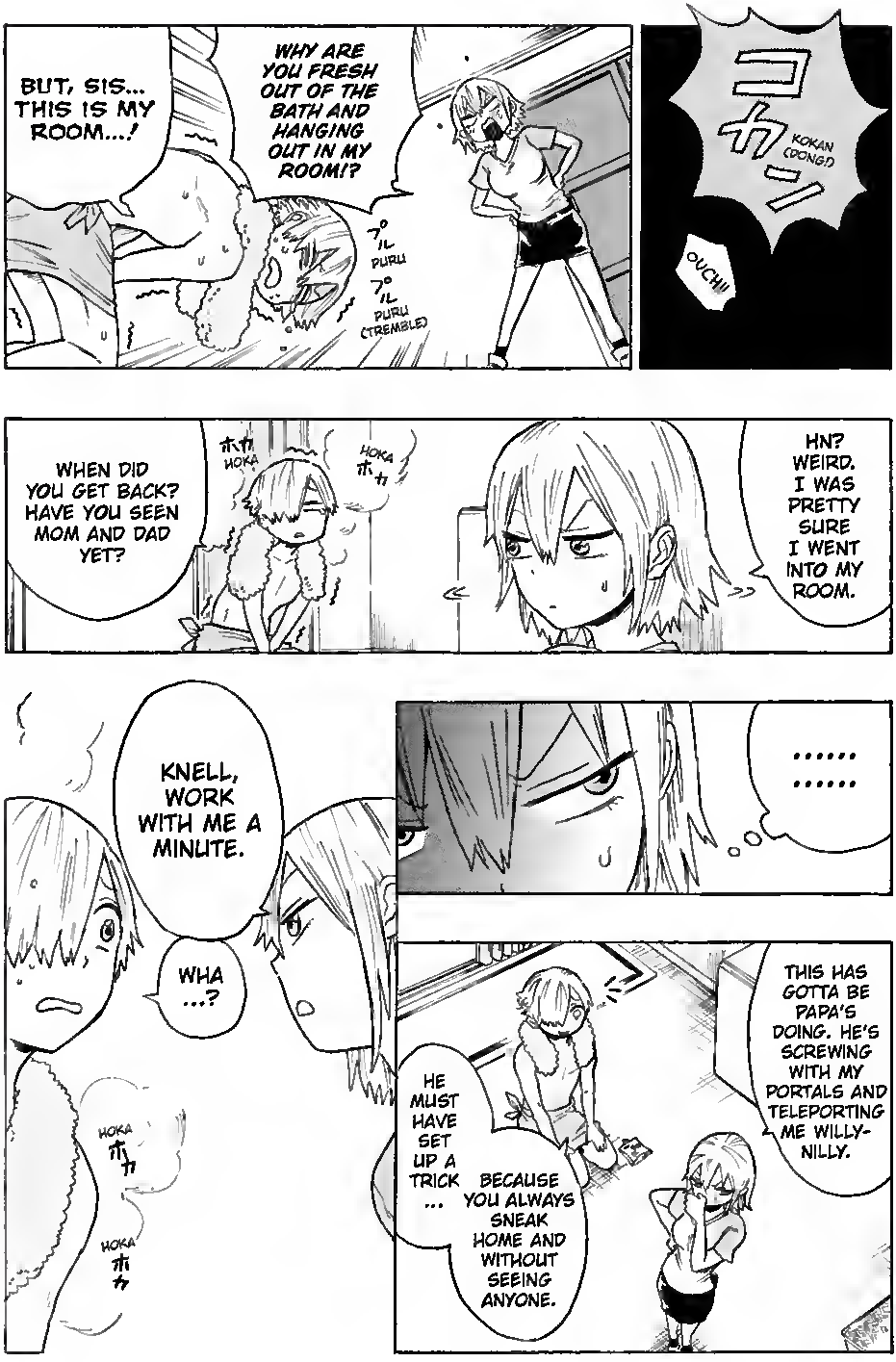
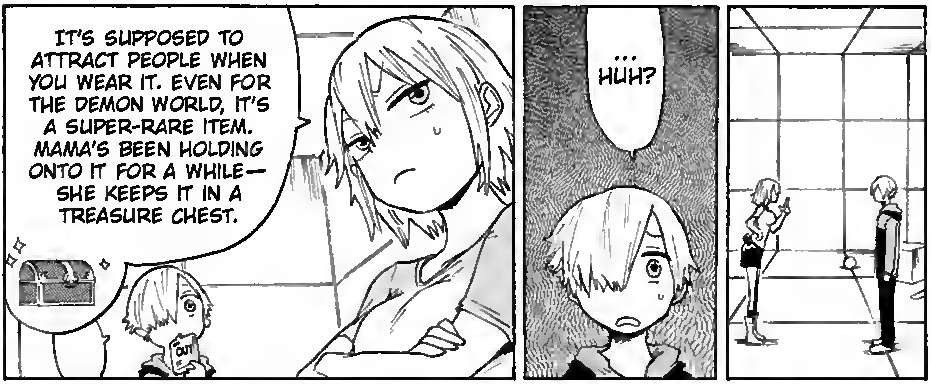
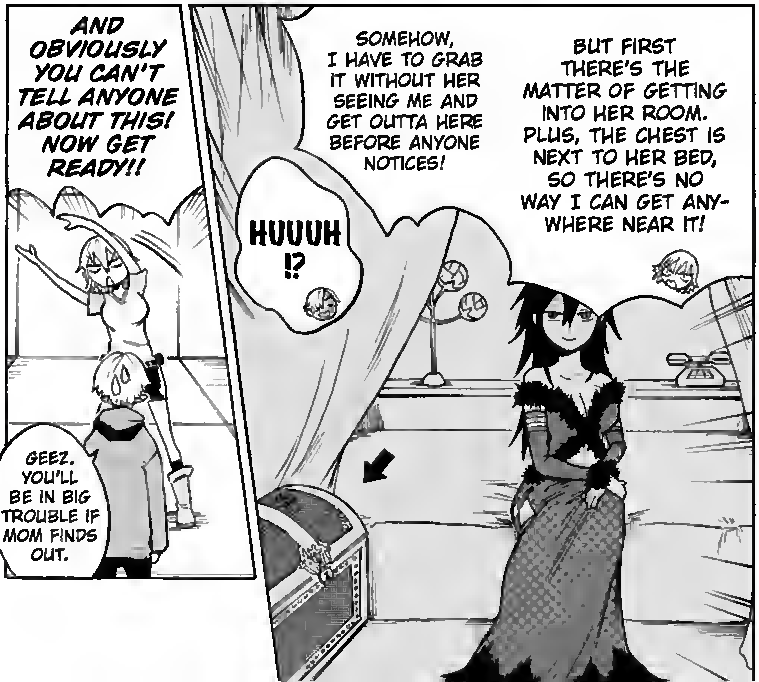

MY TREASURE
THE PEACEFUL SCENERY OF HYDRA.
TO-DAY...
...A TREASURE HUNTER IS RETURNING HOME IN SEARCH OF HER QUARRY.
NU (PWOP)
...GOOD. NOBODY'S HERE.
KYORO きょろ
KYORO (GLANCE) きょろ
PAPA PROBABLY KNOWS THAT I'M BACK IN HYDRA...
SORDOO (SNEEEAK) ス
...BUT I WANT TO AVOID PEOPLE AS MUCH AS I CAN... ESPECIALLY MAMA.


!!?
HOKA
ホカ
HOKA (STEAM)
ホカ
GACHA (KACHAK)
ガチャ
IF I CAN JUST GET INTO MY ROOM REAL QUICK BEFORE ANYONE SEES ME...
KNELL
!?
S... SIS!?
PORO (DRIP)
ポロ


BUT, SIS... THIS IS MY ROOM...!
WHY ARE YOU FRESH OUT OF THE BATH AND HANGING OUT IN MY ROOM!?
プル PURU
プル PURU (TREMBLE)
コカーン KOKAN (DONG!)
OUCH!!
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK? HAVE YOU SEEN MOM AND DAD YET?
ホカ HOKA
ホカ HOKA
HN? WEIRD. I WAS PRETTY SURE I WENT INTO MY ROOM.
KNELL, WORK WITH ME A MINUTE.
WHA ...?
ホカ HOKA
ホカ HOKA
.....
.....
THIS HAS GOTTA BE PAPA'S DOING. HE'S SCREWING WITH MY PORTALS AND TELEPORTING ME WILLY-NILLY.
HE MUST HAVE SET UP A TRICK ...
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS SNEAK HOME AND WITHOUT SEEING ANYONE.

LISTEN. I CAME HOME THIS TIME FOR WORK. A TREASURE HUNTING JOB.
HISO (WHISPER) ひそ
I'M TRYING TO GET MY HANDS ON THIS "WITCH PERFUME" THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THE DEMON WORLD.
HISO ひそ
AND AS IT HAPPENS, THE ONE WHO HAS THE GOODS IS MAMA!


IT'S SUPPOSED TO ATTRACT PEOPLE WHEN YOU WEAR IT. EVEN FOR THE DEMON WORLD, IT'S A SUPER-RARE ITEM. MAMA'S BEEN HOLDING ONTO IT FOR A WHILE— SHE KEEPS IT IN A TREASURE CHEST.
OUT
...HUH?


BUT FIRST THERE'S THE MATTER OF GETTING INTO HER ROOM. PLUS, THE CHEST IS NEXT TO HER BED, SO THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET ANY-WHERE NEAR IT!
SOMEHOW, I HAVE TO GRAB IT WITHOUT HER SEEING ME AND GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE ANYONE NOTICES!
HUUUH !?
AND OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS! NOW GET READY!!
GEEZ. YOU'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE IF MOM FINDS OUT.

NOW, KNELL!
RIGHT!
...AH, SHE'S STILL ASLEEP.
GACHA GACHAKO ガチャ
PARDON ME, MISTRESS NEYN. I'VE BROUGHT YOUR TEA.
KON KONOCKO コン KON コン
DA DASHU
ナニ
DA だ
DA だ
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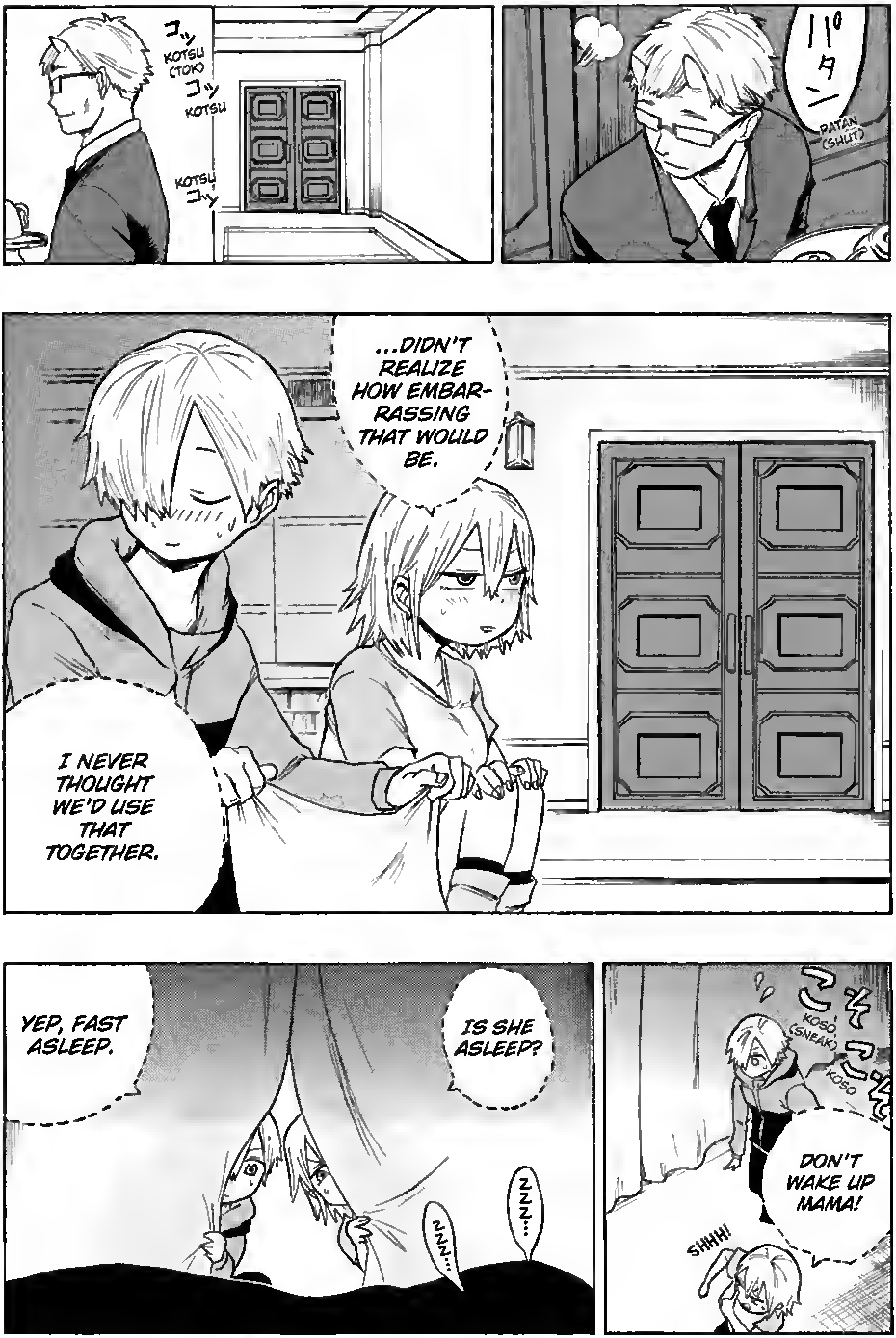
DA だ
NYARRRRRRGHRR!!
HYUN (SHWIP)
ひゅん


コッ
KOTSU (TOK)
コッ
KOTSU
KOTSU
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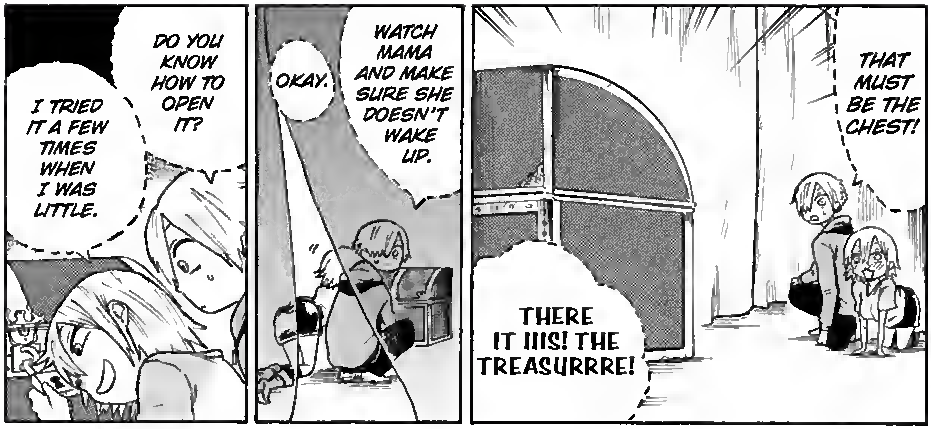
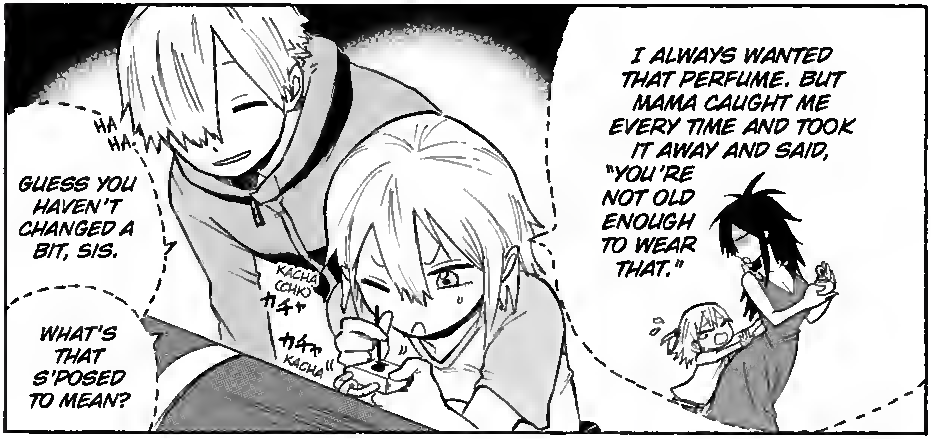
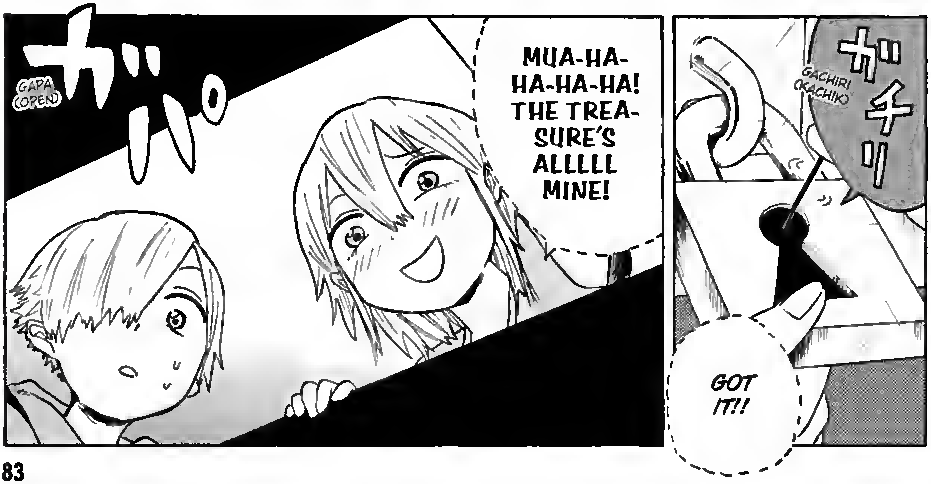
パタン
PATAN (SHUT)
...DIDN'T REALIZE HOW EMBARRASSING THAT WOULD BE.
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D USE THAT TOGETHER.
YEP, FAST ASLEEP.
IS SHE ASLEEP?
ZZZ...
こそこそ
KOSO KOSO (SNEAK)
DON'T WAKE UP MAMA!
SHHH!

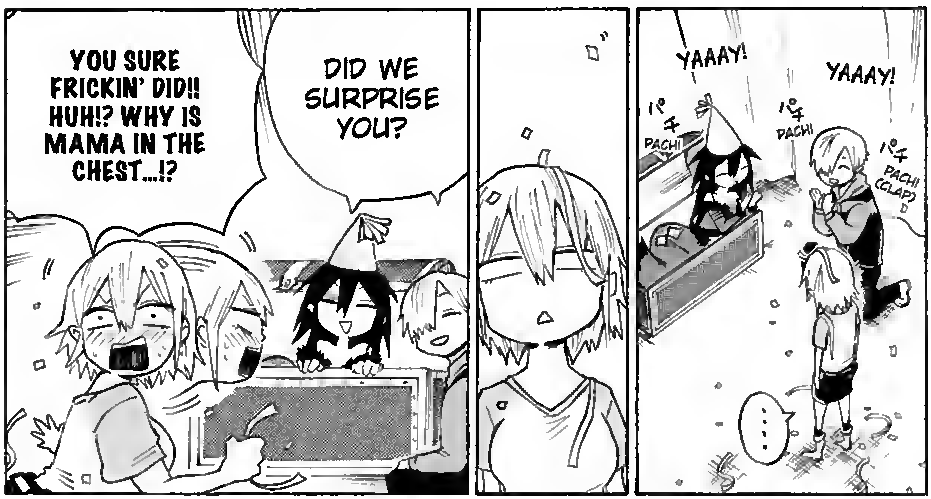

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO OPEN IT?
I TRIED IT A FEW TIMES WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
WATCH MAMA AND MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T WAKE UP.
OKAY.
THAT MUST BE THE CHEST!
THERE IIIS! THE TREASURRRE!

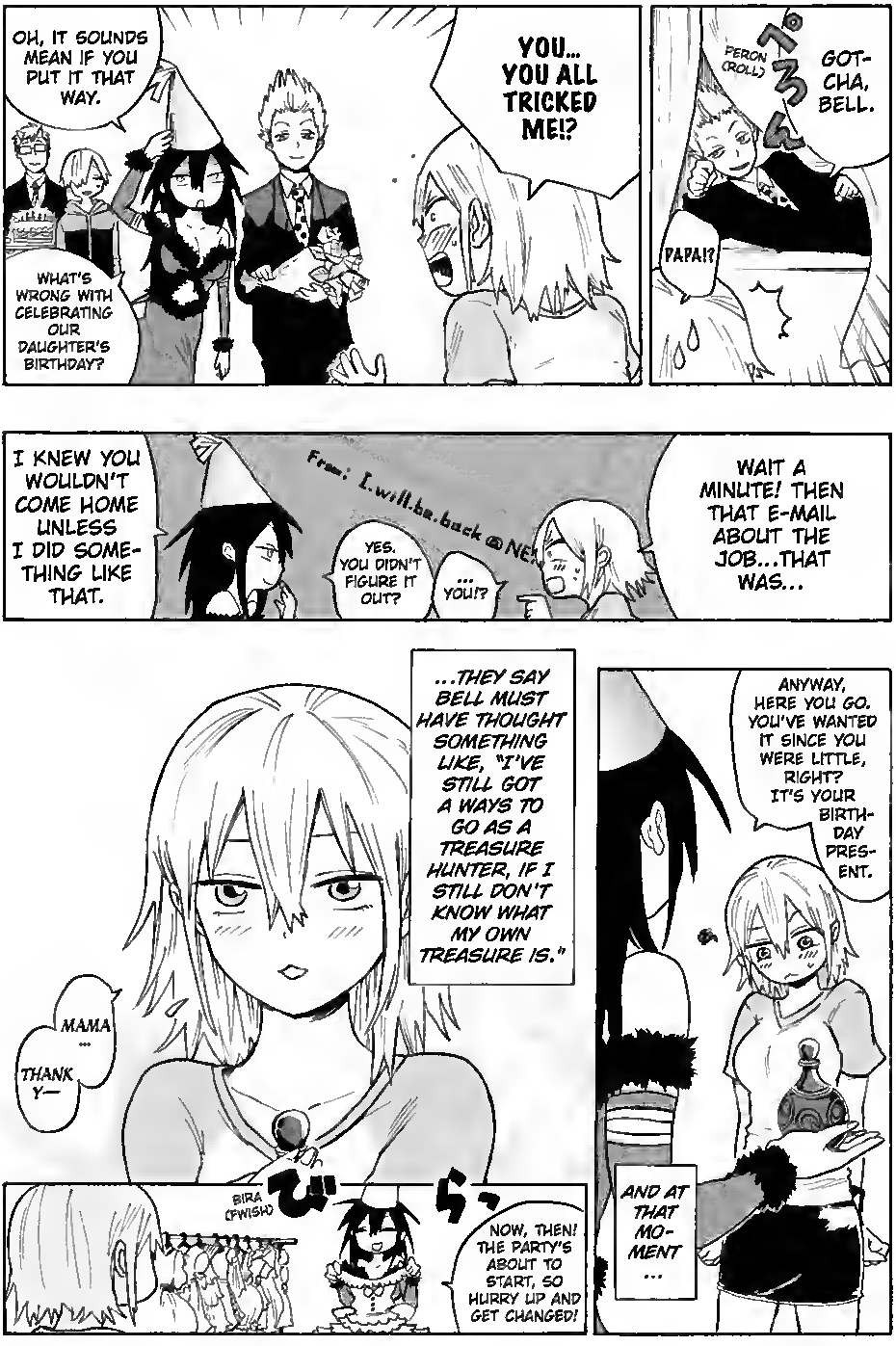

I ALWAYS WANTED THAT PERFUME. BUT MAMA CAUGHT ME EVERY TIME AND TOOK IT AWAY AND SAID, "YOU'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO WEAR THAT."
HA HA.
GUESS YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT, SIS.
KACHA (CHIK)
カチャ
KACHA
WHAT'S THAT S'POSED TO MEAN?


GAPA (OPEN)
ガパ
MUA-HA-HA-HA-HA! THE TREA-SURE'S ALLLL MINE!
GACHIRI (KACHIK)
ガチリ
GOT IT!!

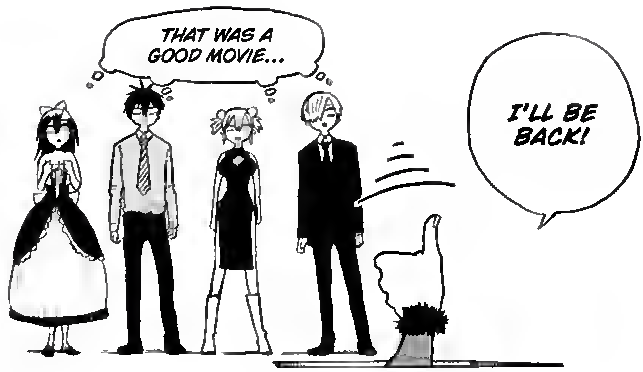
MA!?
PAN (POM)
PAN
PAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BELL!!


YOU SURE FRICKIN' DID!! HUH!? WHY IS MAMA IN THE CHEST...!?
DID WE SURPRISE YOU?
YAAAY!
YAAAY!
PACH!
PACH!
PACH! CLAP!
...


OH, IT SOUNDS MEAN IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH CELEBRATING OUR DAUGHTER'S BIRTHDAY?
YOU... YOU ALL TRICKED ME!?
PERON (ROLL)
GOT-CHA, BELL.
PAPA!?
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T COME HOME UNLESS I DID SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
From: I.will.be.back @ NEX
YES. YOU DIDN'T FIGURE IT OUT?
...YOU!?
WAIT A MINUTE! THEN THAT E-MAIL ABOUT THE JOB...THAT WAS...
...THEY SAY BELL MUST HAVE THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE, "I'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO AS A TREASURE HUNTER, IF I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT MY OWN TREASURE IS."
MAMA... THANK Y—
BIRA (PWISH)
NOW, THEN! THE PARTY'S ABOUT TO START, SO HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED!
ANYWAY, HERE YOU GO. YOU'VE WANTED IT SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE, RIGHT? IT'S YOUR BIRTH-DAY PRES-ENT.
AND AT THAT MO-MENT...

FOUR-PANEL PART 6



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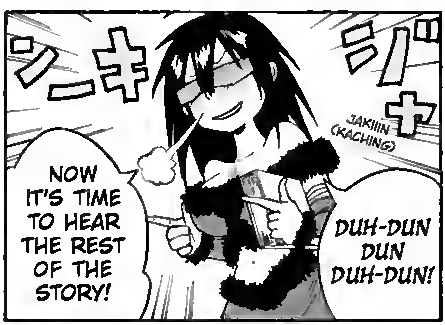

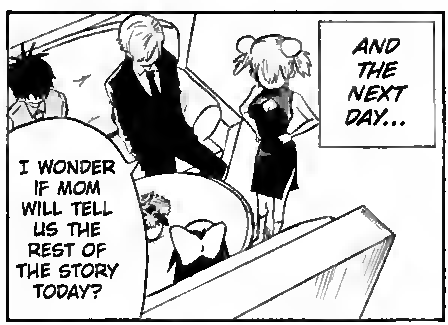

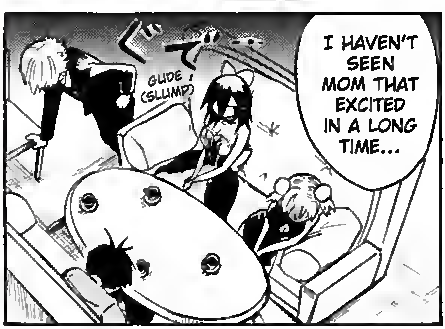

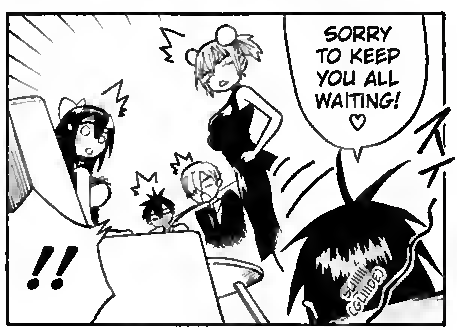

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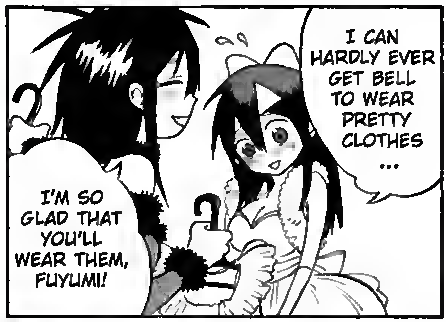

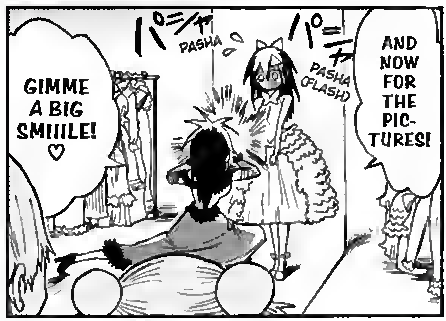

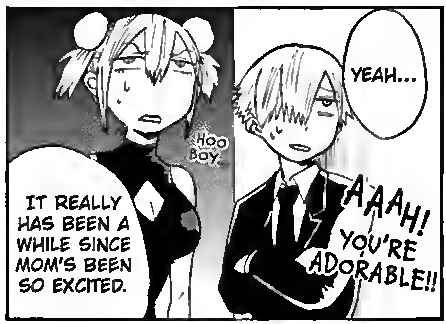

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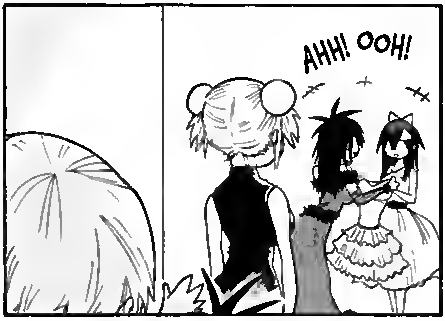

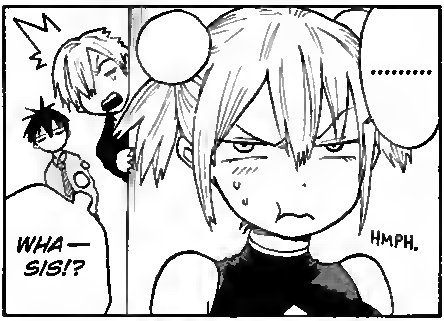

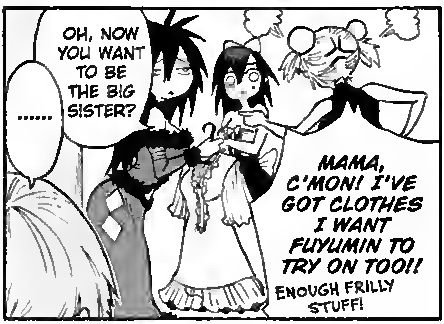

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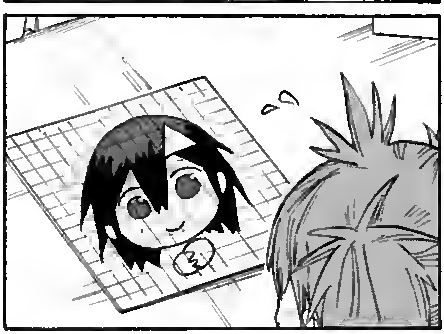

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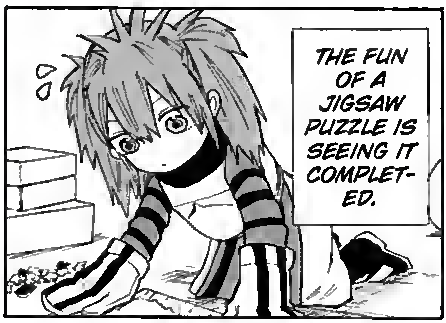

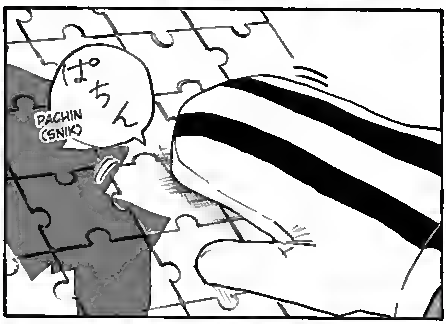

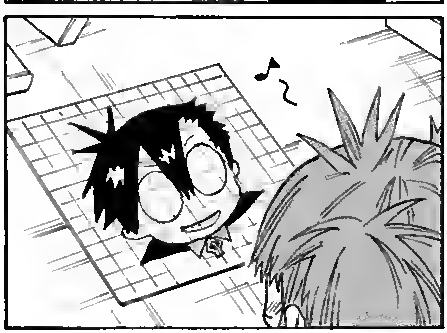

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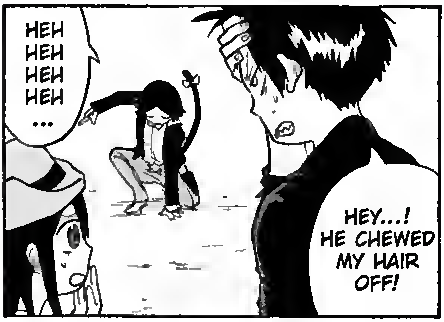
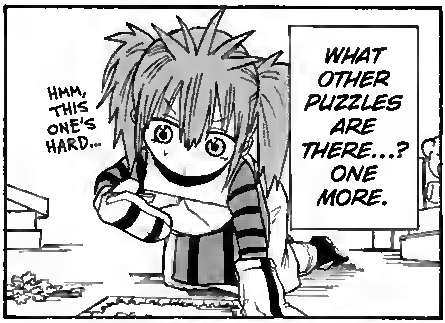
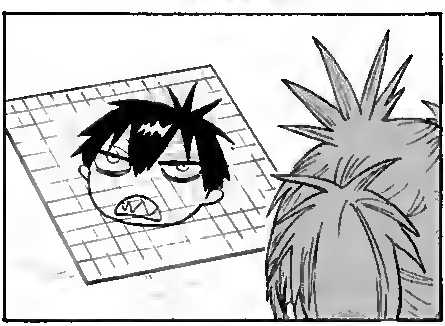
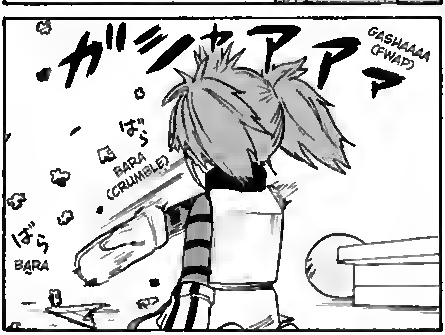


WELL, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO EAT!!
UNSANITARY!
THAT WAS NASTY! HAVE YOU GROOMED YOURSELF AT ALL IN THE LAST THREE DAYS...!?

WHAT'S THE PUZZLE 3







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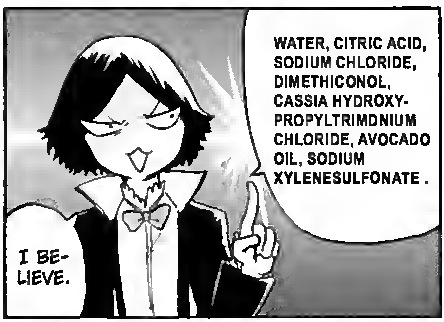
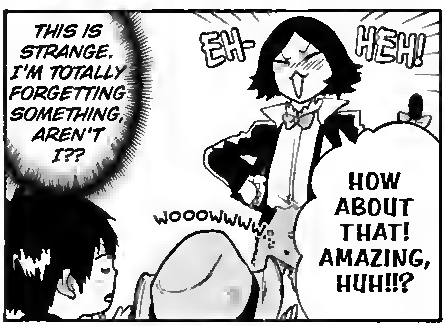

WATER, CITRIC ACID, SODIUM CHLORIDE, DIMETHICONOL, CASSIA HYDROXY-PROPYLTRIMDNIUM CHLORIDE, AVOCADO OIL, SODIUM XYLENESULFONATE .
I BE-LIEVE.



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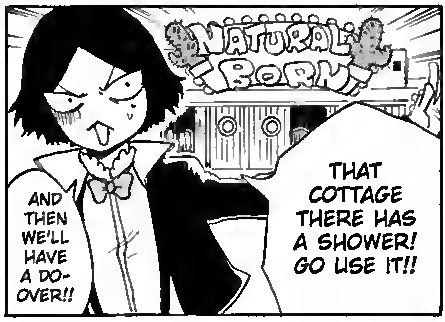

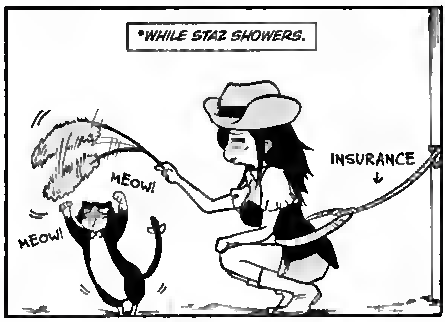

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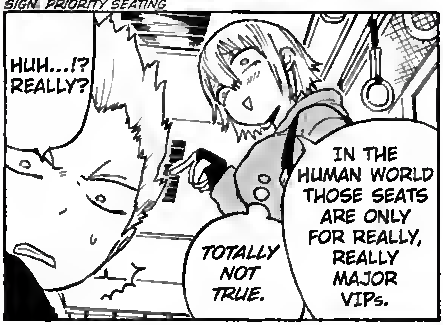
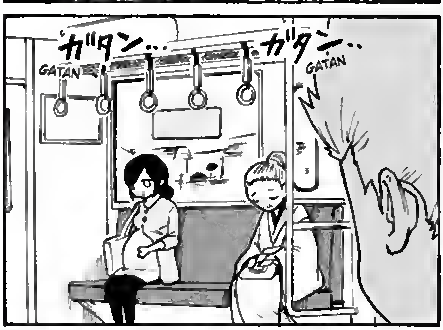
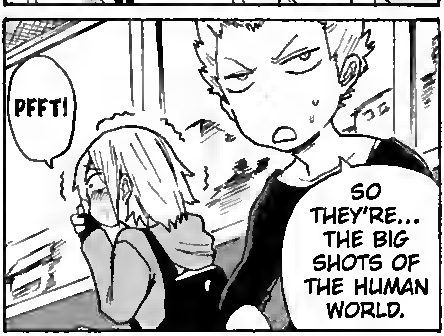
SIGN: PRIORITY SEATING







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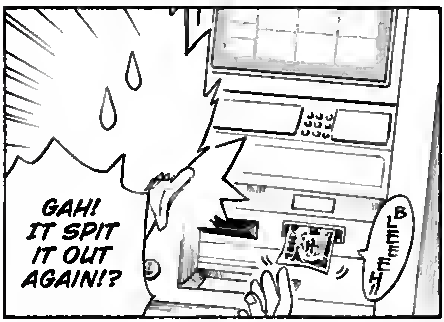

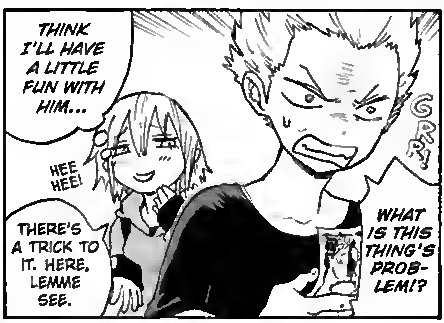

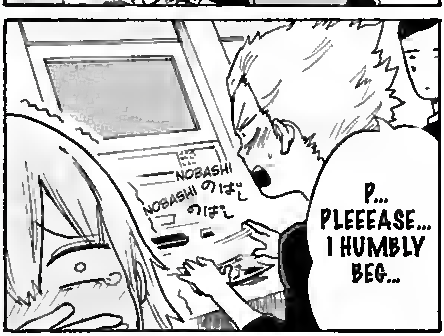

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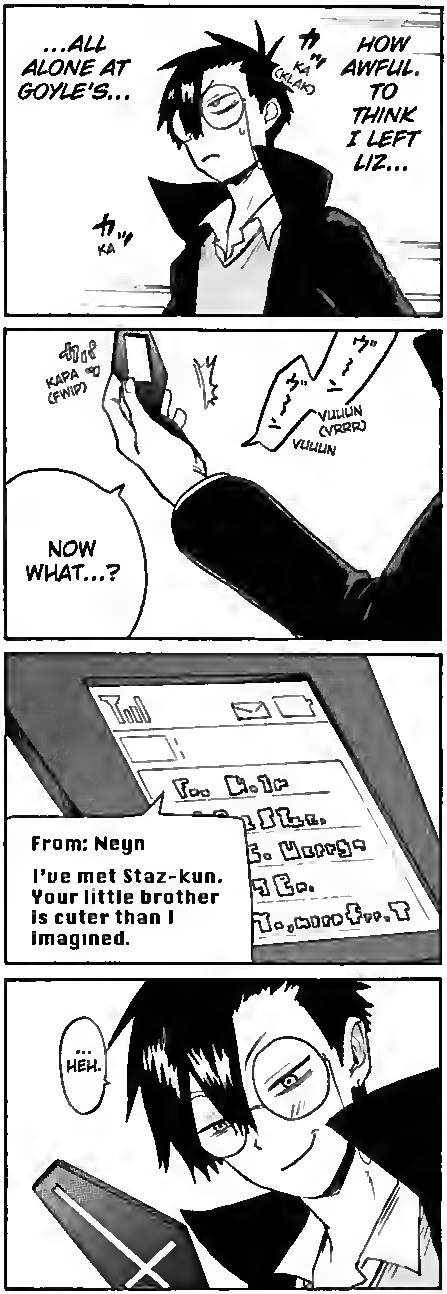

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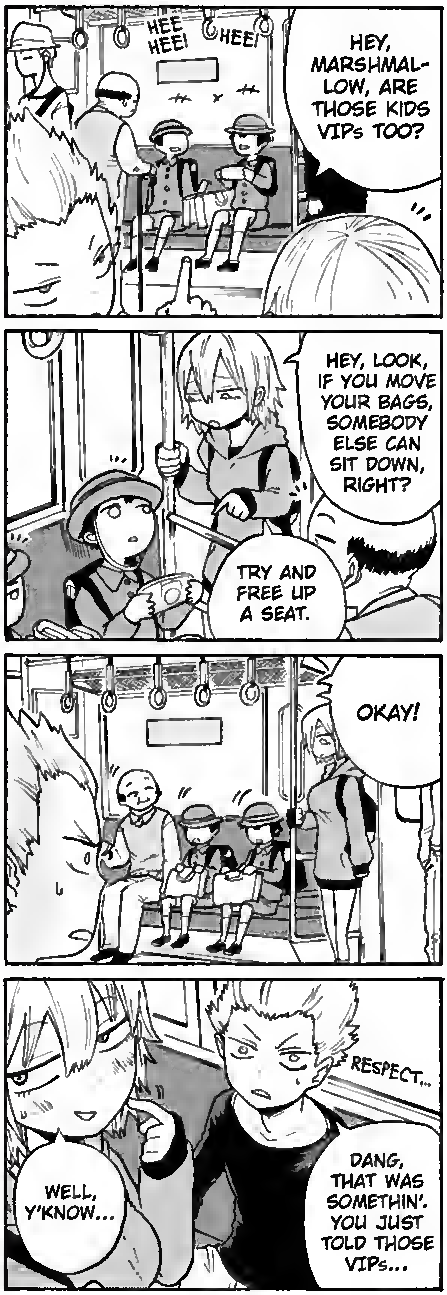
HEE HEE!
HEE!
HEY, MARSHMALLOW, ARE THOSE KIDS VIPs TOO?
HEY, LOOK, IF YOU MOVE YOUR BAGS, SOMEBODY ELSE CAN SIT DOWN, RIGHT?
TRY AND FREE UP A SEAT.
OKAY!
RESPECT...
WELL, Y'KNOW...
DANG, THAT WAS SOMETHIN'. YOU JUST TOLD THOSE VIPs...

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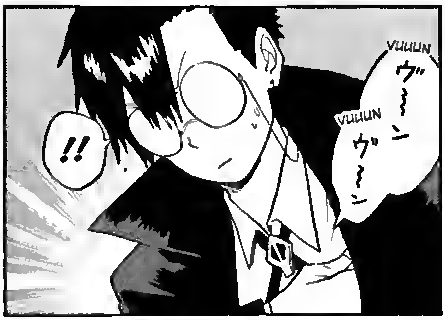

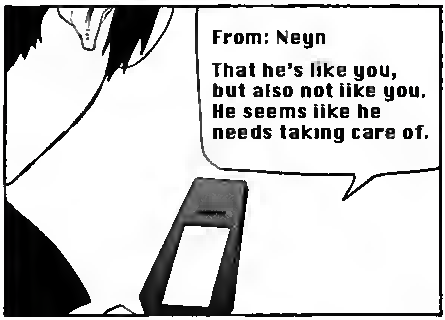

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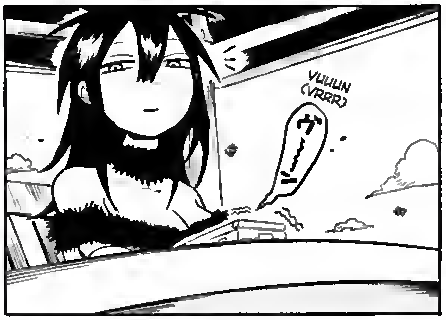

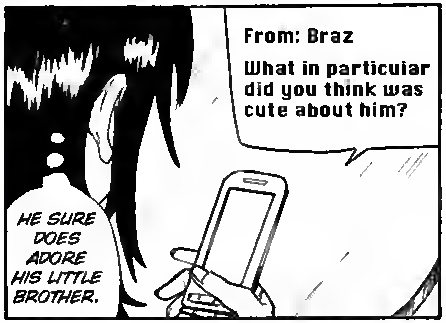

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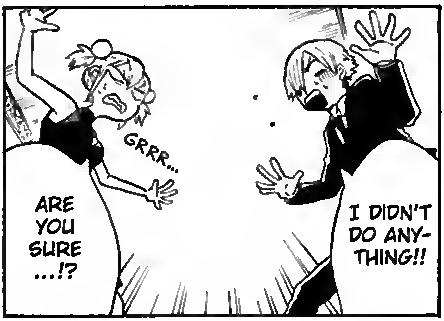

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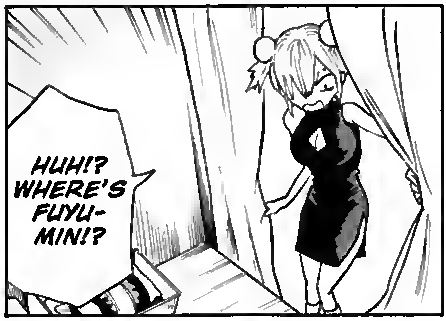

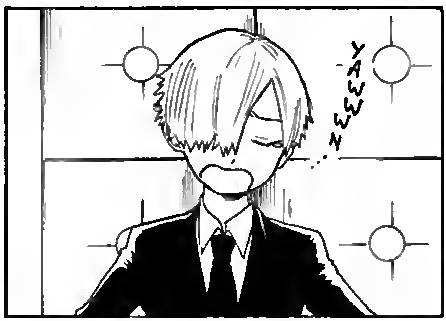

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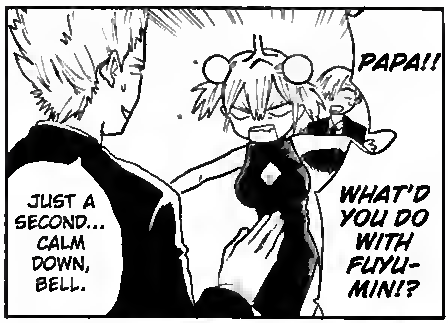
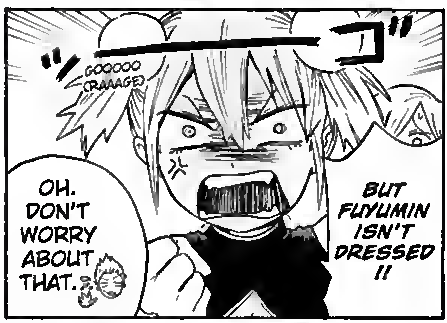
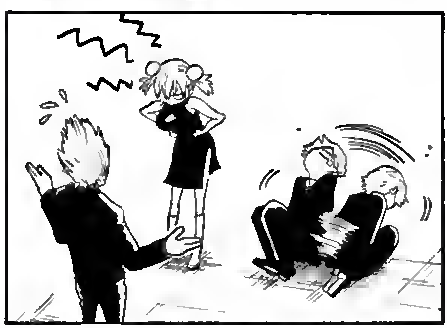
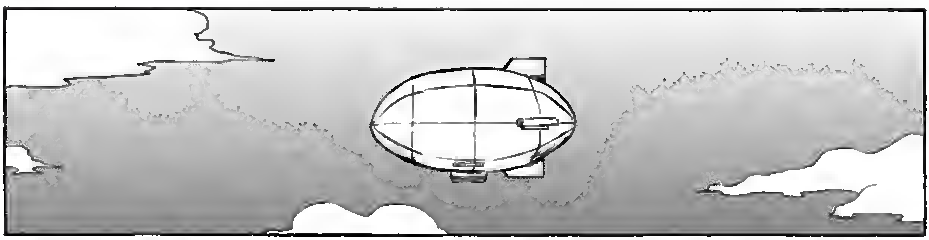






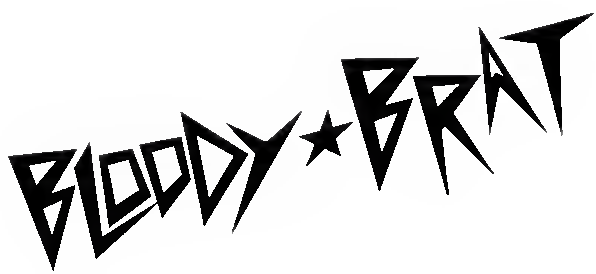
IT'S TOUGH BEING THE LEADER



OH, DON'T WORRY. IF YOU SHOW SOME VULNERABILITY AS A LEADER, YOU'LL GET THEM THINKING YOU'VE LET YOUR GUARD DOWN... THIS IS PART OF YOUR JOB.
NGH... BUT! BUT!
WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BE IN MY ROOM!?
IT'S MY DOWNTIME, AND I CAN'T RELAX AT ALL!!
WHA— HEY!!
YES, I KNOW I'M THE LEADER, BUT IF YOU TREAT ME LIKE I'M NOT THE LEADER, THEN I'LL FORGET I'M THE LEADER...
OKAY, WELL, JUST KEEP THEM HAPPY, LEADER.

GU (FWP)
...RAN-DO.
THIS IS A MATTER OF PRIDE!
I HAVE TO LOOK LIKE A LEADER NO MATTER WHAT!!
MEWWW! MEWWW!
NOW WE'VE GOT THEM ALL RELAXED.
Do
UH-HUH.
HEE HEE!
AWW!
PURRR! PURR!
MEW! MEOW!

TO NATTOU?
IT'S FLEHMEN.
ROY! SHAM IS HAVING A BREMEN RESPONSE, OR WHATEVER IT IS!


BLOODY★BRAT

FOUR-PANEL PART 7

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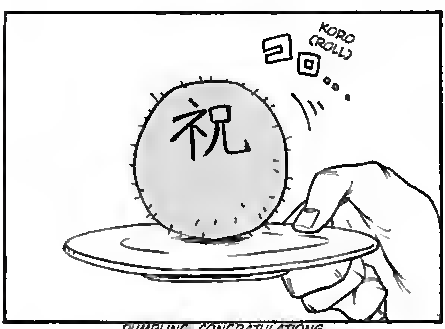

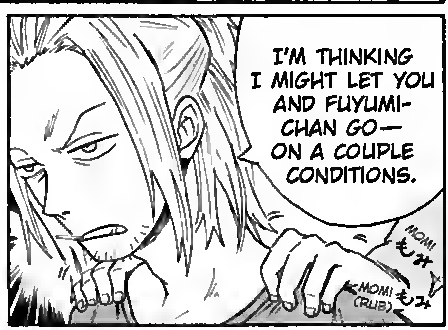

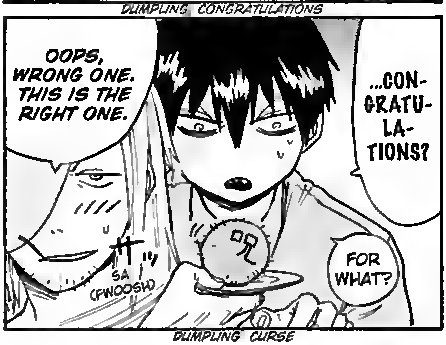

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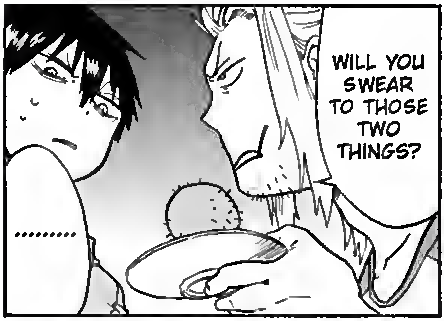

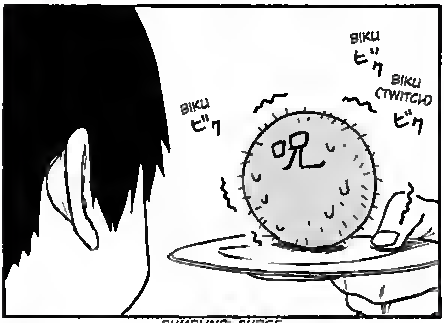

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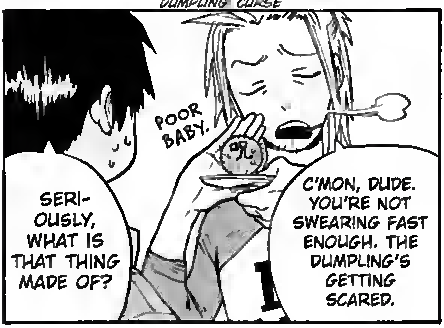

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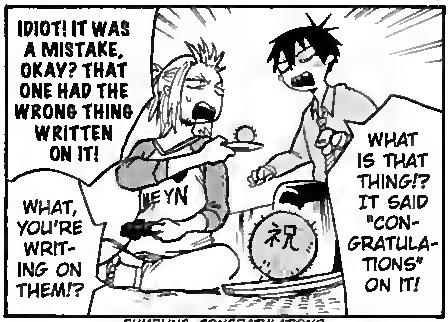
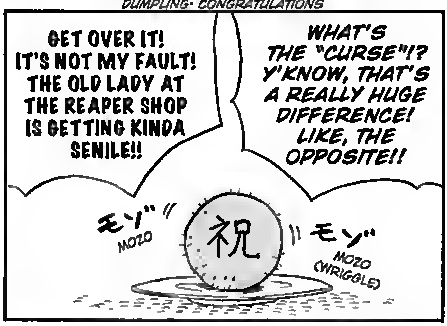
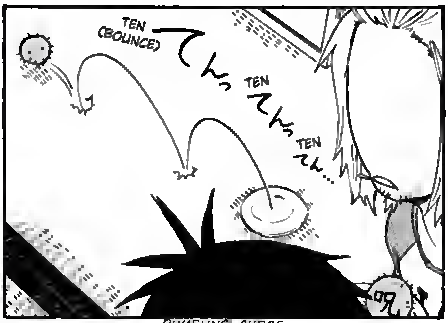

IDIOT! IT WAS A MISTAKE, OKAY? THAT ONE HAD THE WRONG THING WRITTEN ON IT!
WHAT, YOU'RE WRITING ON THEM!?
HEYN
祝
WHAT IS THAT THING!? IT SAID "CONGRATULATIONS" ON IT!

DUMPLING: CONGRATULATIONS


GET OVER IT! IT'S NOT MY FAULT! THE OLD LADY AT THE REAPER SHOP IS GETTING KINDA SENILE!!
WHAT'S THE "CURSE"!? Y'KNOW, THAT'S A REALLY HUGE DIFFERENCE! LIKE, THE OPPOSITE!!
モゾ" MOZO
祝
モゾ" MOZO (WIRIGGLE)



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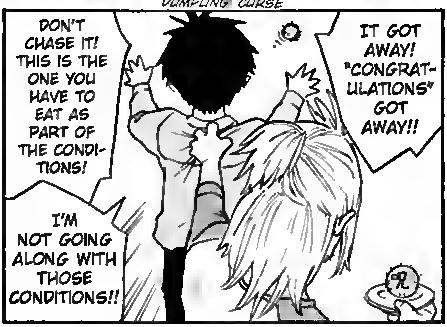
DON'T CHASE IT! THIS IS THE ONE YOU HAVE TO EAT AS PART OF THE CONDITIONS!
I'M NOT GOING ALONG WITH THOSE CONDITIONS!!
IT GOT AWAY! "CONGRATULATIONS" GOT AWAY!!
呪

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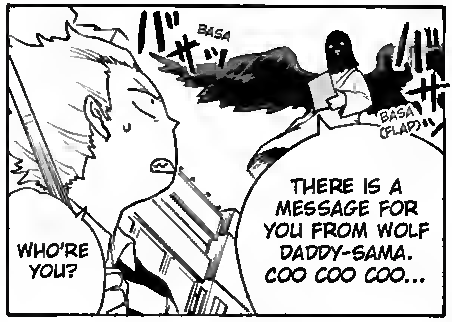

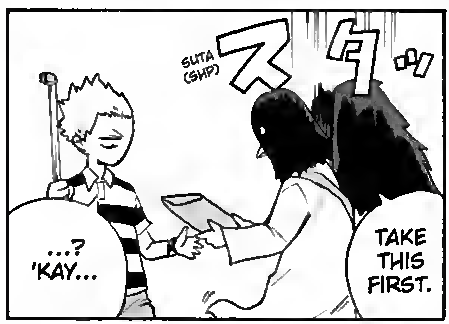

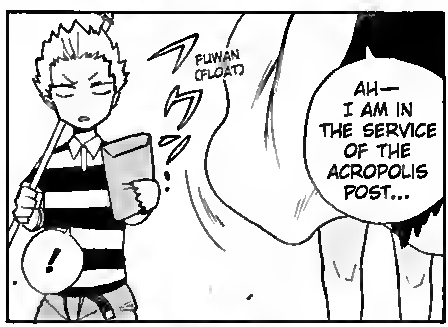

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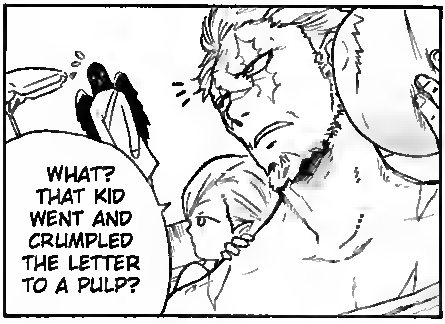

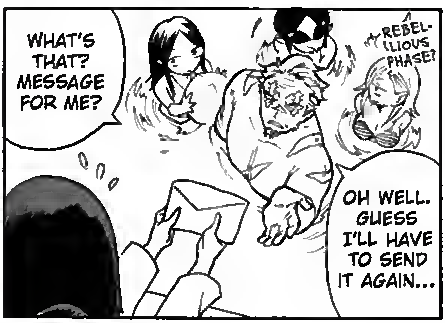

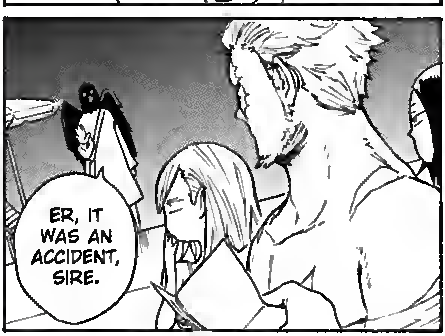

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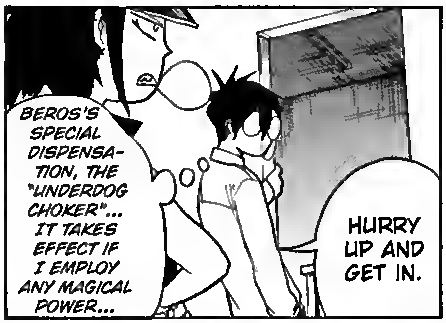

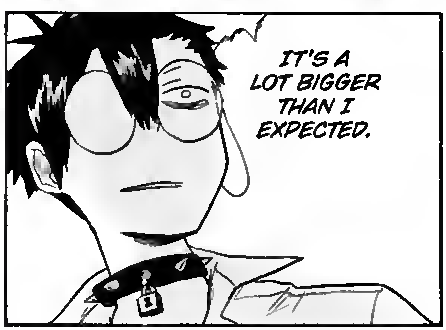

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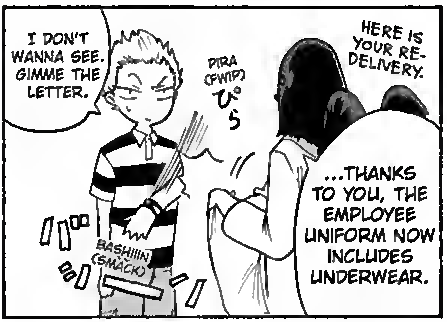
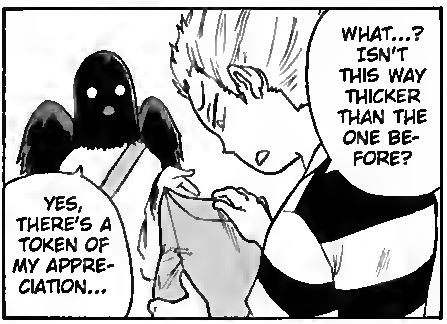
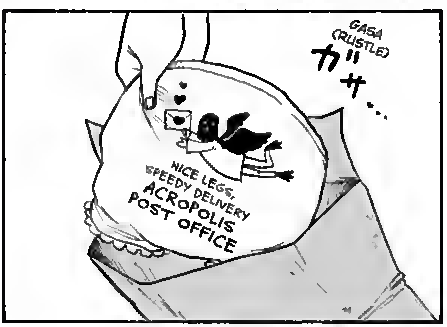
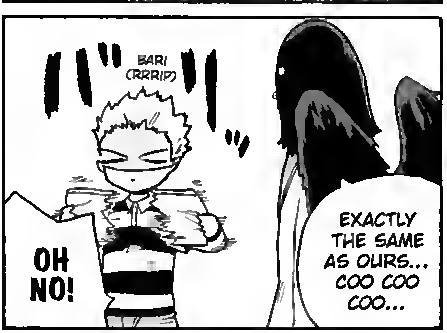

I DON'T WANNA SEE. GIMME THE LETTER.
PIRA (FWIP)
HERE IS YOUR RE-DELIVERY.
BASHIIIN! (SMACK)
...THANKS TO YOU, THE EMPLOYEE UNIFORM NOW INCLUDES UNDERWEAR.







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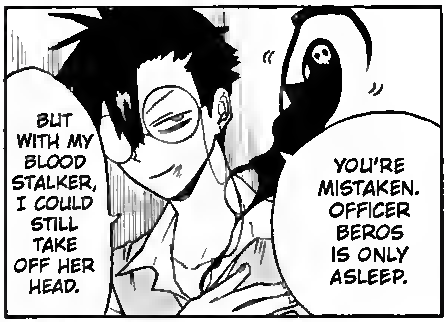

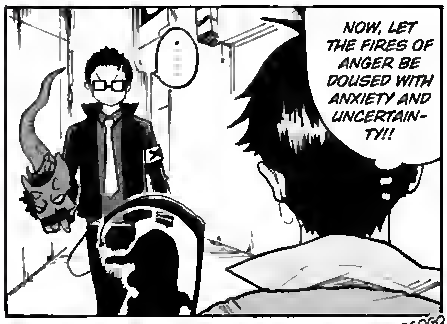

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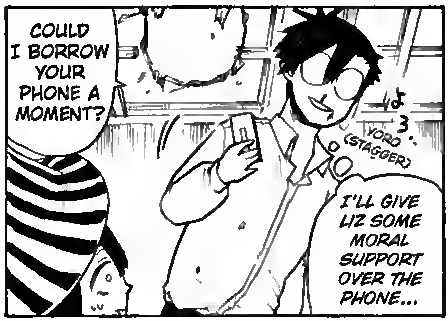

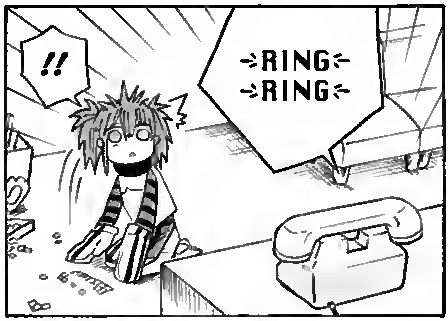

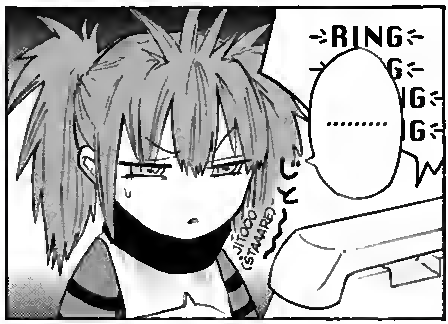

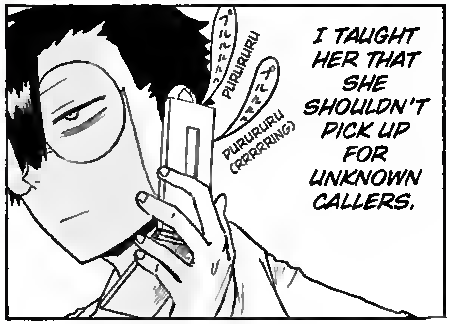

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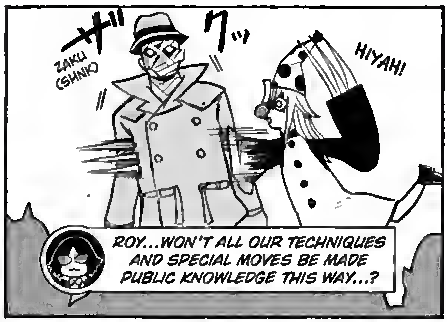
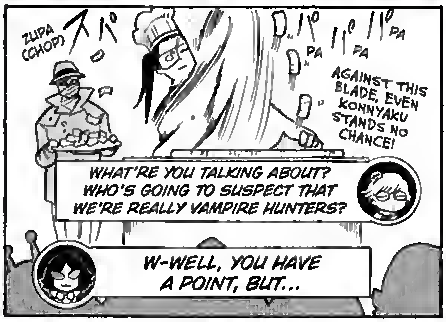
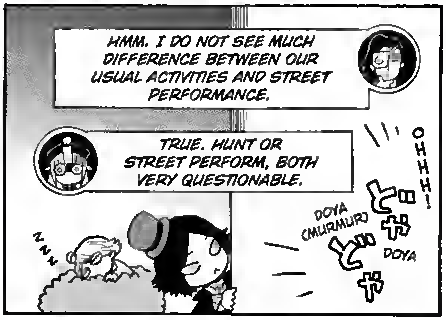
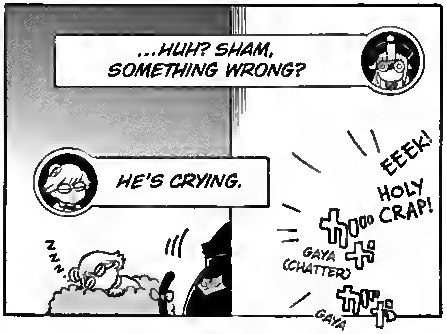



ZUPA (CHOP)
PA
PA
PA
AGAINST THIS BLADE, EVEN KONNYAKU STANDS NO CHANCE!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHO'S GOING TO SUSPECT THAT WE'RE REALLY VAMPIRE HUNTERS?
W-WELL, YOU HAVE A POINT, BUT...


HMM. I DO NOT SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR USUAL ACTIVITIES AND STREET PERFORMANCE.
TRUE. HUNT OR STREET PERFORM, BOTH VERY QUESTIONABLE.
OHHH!
DOYA (MURMUR)
DOYA
NNN



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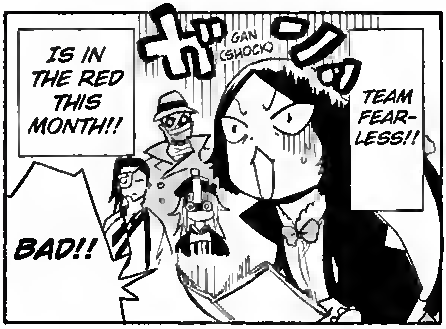
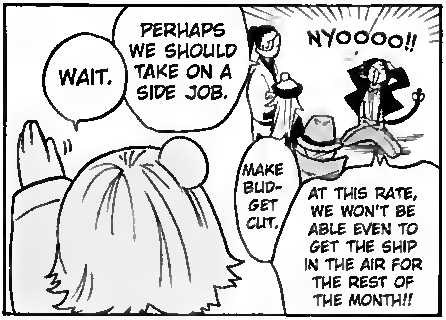
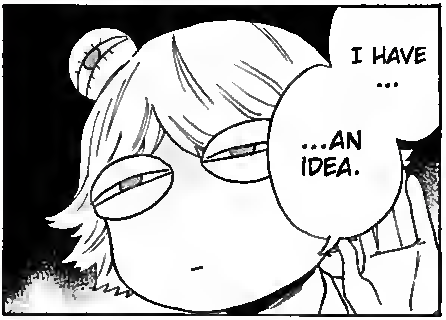



WAIT.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD TAKE ON A SIDE JOB.
NYOOOO!!
MAKE BUDGET CUT.
AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T BE ABLE EVEN TO GET THE SHIP IN THE AIR FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH!!



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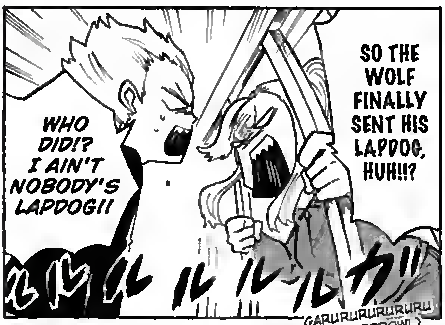
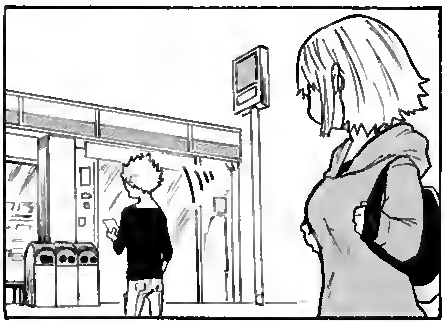


BI (PWIP)
YEAH, YOU BEST BELIEVE I'LL DO IT!!
I'VE GOT SOME CLEANUP TO DO HERE, SO BUY THIS STUFF FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE AND WAIT THERE!
FINE! THEN BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, LET'S GET HOME AND HAVE A CHAT.



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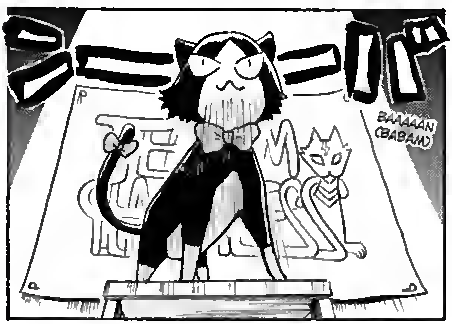

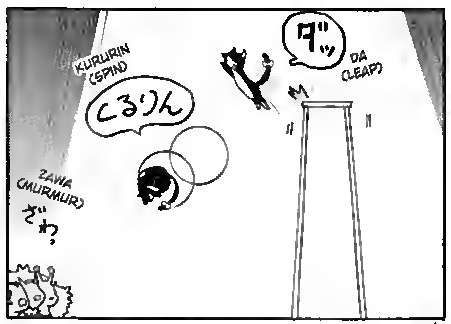

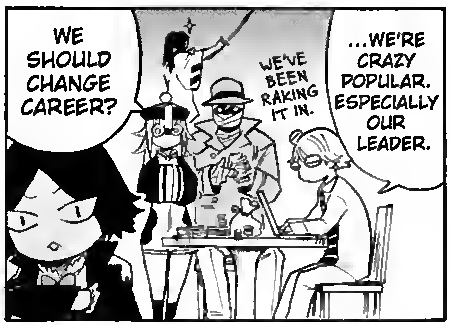

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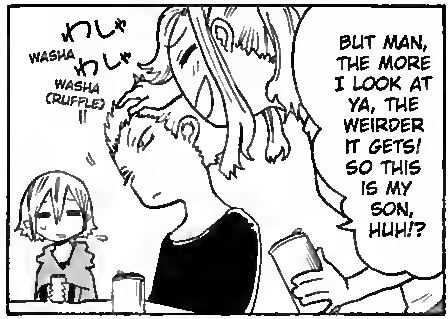

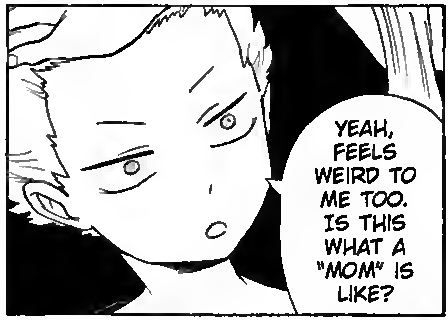

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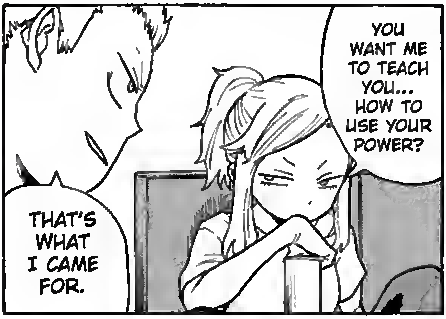

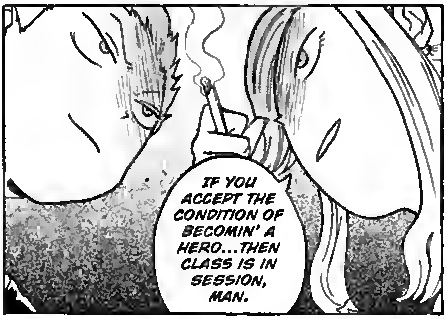

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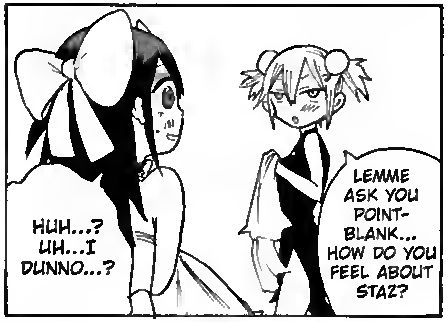

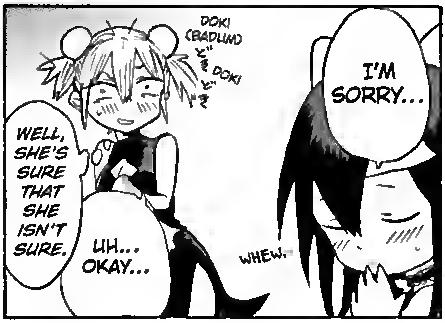

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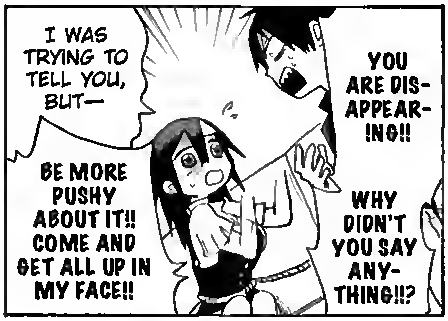
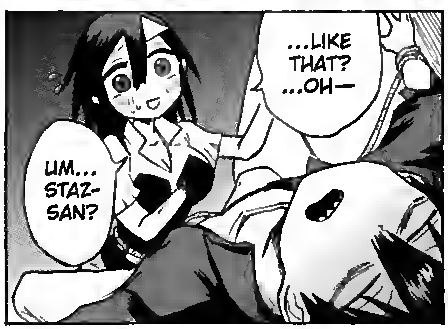
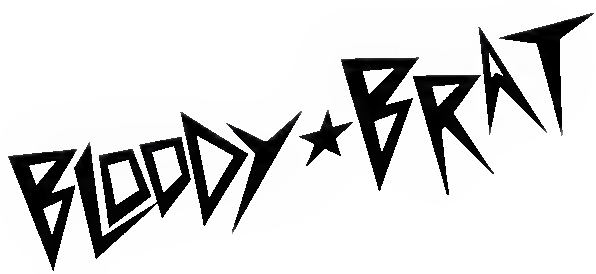

I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU, BUT—
YOU ARE DISAPPEARING!!
BE MORE PUSHY ABOUT IT!! COME AND GET ALL UP IN MY FACE!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING!!?

MORE PUSHY...
GET IN HIS FACE!?

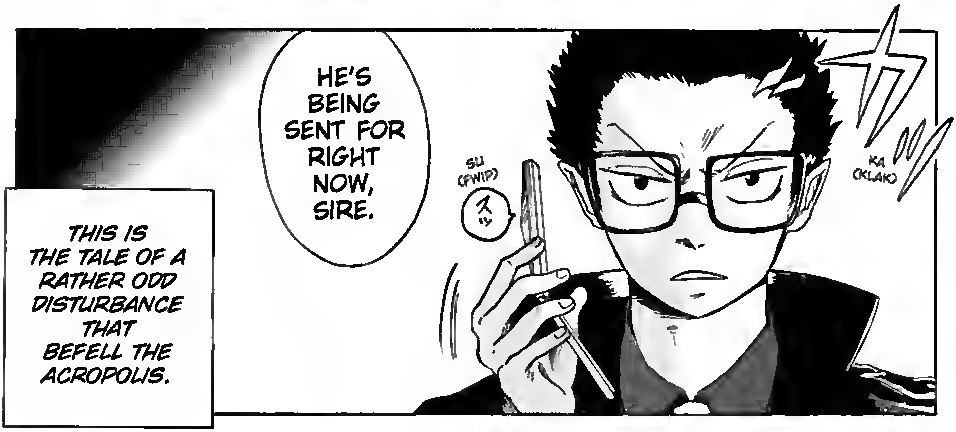
STAZ-SAN! I'M ABOUT TO DIE!!
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR BLOOD!!
DON (BAM)


...LIKE THAT? ...OH—
UM... STAZ-SAN?

JUUUUU (SLURRRP)
ちゅうううう
WELL, I'D BETTER DRINK SOME IN THE MEANTIME.


BLOODY★BRAT

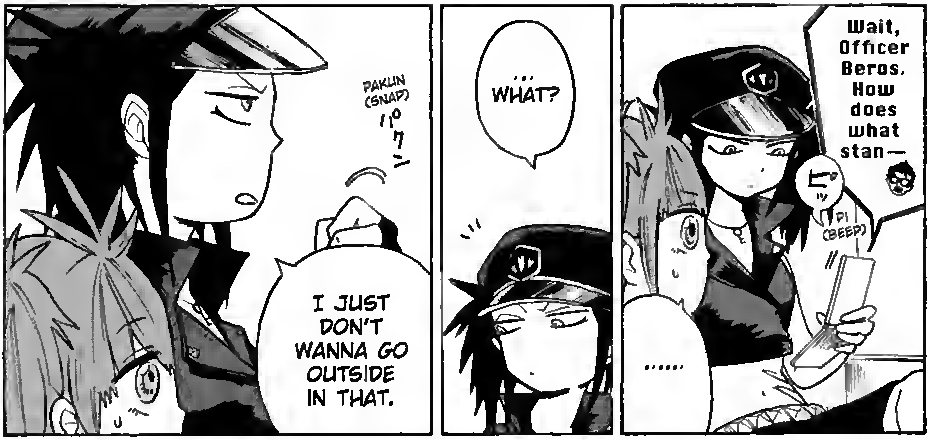
GORO (RUMBLE)
GORO
DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS:
THE LAND OF THOSE WHO RULE THE DEMON WORLD, FAR ABOVE THE UNDERWORLD WHERE STAZ AND HIS FRIENDS ARE.
HEY. NO BRAZ YET?
THE PEOPLE OF DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS
~THE BURDENS OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT~
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO MY DRIVING RANGE TODAY.
MY APOLOGIES, SIRE. WE CAN'T REACH HIM...


THIS IS THE TALE OF A RATHER ODD DISTURBANCE THAT BEFELL THE ACROPOLIS.
HE'S BEING SENT FOR RIGHT NOW, SIRE.
SU (FWIP)
KA (KLAK)

KUCHA (CHEW)
くちゃ
KUCHA
くちゃ
BEROS HERE.
GORO (RUMBLE)
ゴロ
GORO
.....
HELLO? OH, IT'S YOU, CAPTAIN GOYLE.
SORRY. NICE GLASSES GUY IS OUT. HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.
WELL, MAYBE SO, BUT... EVEN HIS LITTLE SISTER SAYS SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT...
CHIRO (GLANCE)
NOT THERE? THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE! WHO ELSE CAN SWING A GOLF CLUB NEXT TO THE KING!?
NGH.
NGH.
BUN (WHOOSH)
ブンッ
BUN
ブンッ

GORO
GORO
GORO
GORO
FLI
(BLINK)
AW, NOW WHAT!?
PISHAAAN (FLASH)
FLI
GORO
GORO
GORO
!?
POWER OUT-AGE?
...WHAT, DID WE GET HIT?
BIKU (JUMP)
WHOA!

GORO
GORO
GORO (RUMBLE)
.....
THAT WAS A BIG ONE... DID IT KNOCK OUT THE POWER?
BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
GYU (SQUEEZE)
.....
ZURI (SLIDE)
GO CHECK THE CIRCUIT BOX.
YES, SIRE!
Anyway, that's how things stand, so I'm just gonna wait here until Nice Glasses gets back.
...YO, CAPTAIN GOYLE?


PAKLIN (SNAP)
I JUST DON'T WANNA GO OUTSIDE IN THAT.
...WHAT?
Wait, Officer Beros. How does what stan—
PI (BEEP)
.....

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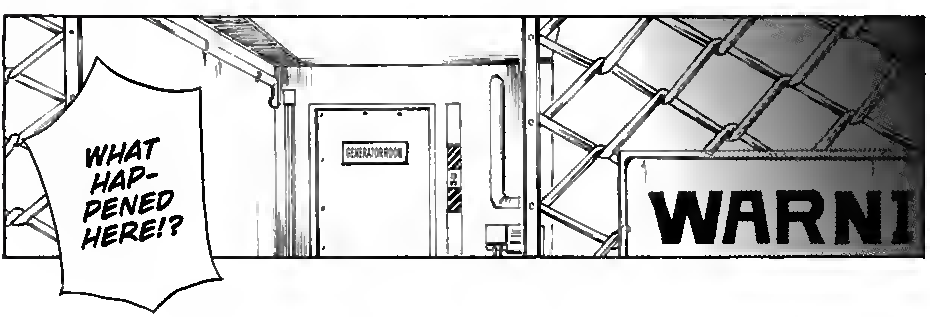
.....
.....
...OKAY.


WHAT HAP-PENED HERE!?
GENERATOR ROOM
WARNI

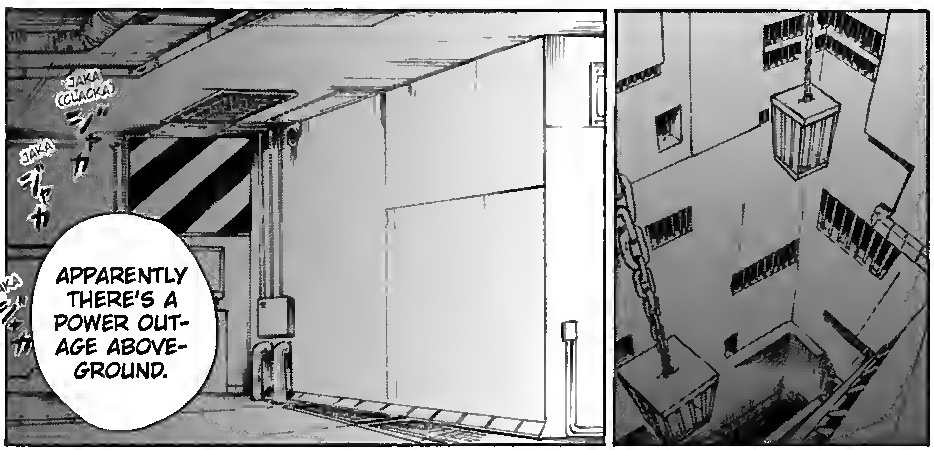
THIS IS BAD! THESE GENERATORS PROVIDE THE ELECTRICITY FOR THE VITAL SYSTEMS OF DEMON WORLD ACROPOLIS!
THAT'S SOME CRAZY HEAT!
THE POWER OUTAGE WASN'T CAUSED BY A LIGHTNING STRIKE? IT WAS THE GENERATORS OVERHEATING!?
YES, SIR. THE PRIMARY HUB OVERHEATED, AND THEN...
PUSHHH
PUSHHH
PUSHHH (FSHHH)
LET'S COOL IT DOWN!
CAP-TAIN!!
むわ
MUWAAA (SMOKE)
WOW, IT REALLY IS HOT, THOUGH... WE'VE GOT TO GET IT COOLED DOWN BEFORE WE CAN DO ANY REPAIRS OR ADJUSTMENTS.
WHAT DO WE DO? THE COOLING SYSTEMS TAKE ELECTRICITY TOO.
!!

HERE GOES!
DON
DON (BOOM)
COOL DECI-SION!!
KAKIIN (FREEEEZE)

SO HOW DID WE END UP OVER-USING BY THIS MUCH?
RECENTLY, ALL FACILITIES HAVE TAKEN EVERY CONCEIVABLE MEASURE TO SAVE ELEC-TRICITY.
?
THIS IS STRANGE, THOUGH...
DOES THIS MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF OUR JURISDICTION THAT'S CON-SUMING HUGE AMOUNTS OF ELECTRICITY?
KIIIN (FREEEZE)
!?
IT APPEARS TO BE THE PRISON— "LIZ'S TOY BOX"!
YOU FOUND IT? WHERE?
CAPTAIN GOYLE, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM ONE LOCATION THAT'S USING LARGE AMOUNTS OF ELECTRICITY!

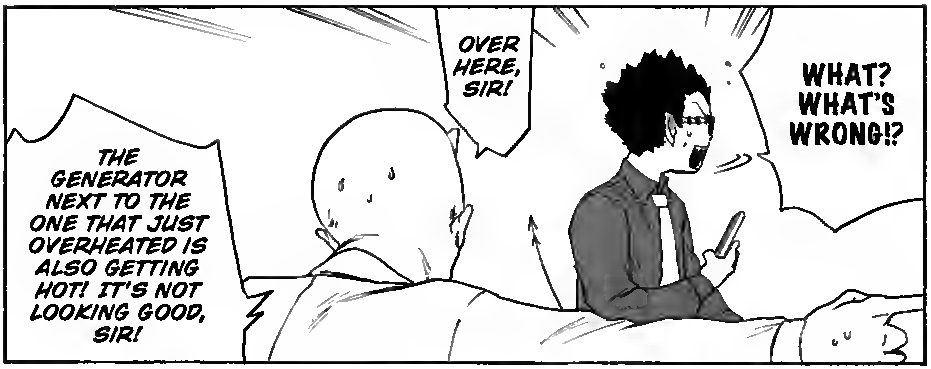
AND LIZ T. BLOOD IS BRAZ'S YOUNGER SISTER, BUT...
LIZ T. BLOOD OVERSEES THAT FACILITY.
"LIZ'S TOY BOX"!?
WHY THE PRISON?

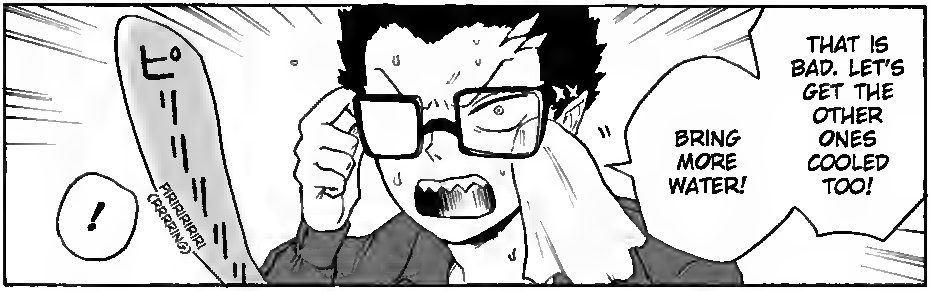
GASP!
IS IT BRAZ'S DOING !?


JAKA CLACKA
JAKA
JAKA
APPARENTLY THERE'S A POWER OUTAGE ABOVEGROUND.

JAKA
AND...? THIS IS HOW WE'RE GONNA GET THE REST OF THE POWER WE NEED!?
HA-HA-HA. A LITTLE EXERCISE NEVER HURT ANYONE.
WE'VE CAUSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE ACROPOLIS GENERATOR SYSTEMS.
HFF!
WE WERE SO CLOSE TO CHARGING UP ENOUGH POWER FOR OUR EXPERIMENTS... BUT WE MUST HAVE USED TOO MUCH TOO QUICKLY.
HFF!
JAKA (CLACKA)
JAKA
.....
OOF.
PURAAA (STAGGER)
BTR PRISON
HFF! HFF!
SORRY, I NEED A BREAK...
I HOPE THAT THE OUTAGE WON'T LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE TOP-SECRET FACILITY WE'VE SET UP UNDER THE PRISON... HA-HA...HAAA...
I NEVER IMAGINED THE AKIM EXPERIMENTS WOULD DEMAND SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT OF POWER...!

GENERATOR ROOM
HELLO? OFFICER BEROS?
WHEW...
IT'S STILL LIKE AN OVEN IN HERE.
UNDER CONTROL FOR NOW.
WHAT'S THE WORD ON BRAZ? STILL NO SIGN OF HIM...!?
SHOULD I SEND IN OFFICER BEROS...?
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT LIZ'S TOY BOX... I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
DAMN, THIS HEAT IS FOGGING UP MY GLASSES.
PI (BIP)
CAPTAIN GOYLE!!
KOKKURI (DOZE)
NOOOPE. NEITHER HIDE NOR GLASSES, SIR...
I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE, LIKE, ALL DAY, BUT IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE HE'S NEVER COMIN' BACK...
I SEE...


OVER HERE, SIR!
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG!?
THE GENERATOR NEXT TO THE ONE THAT JUST OVERHEATED IS ALSO GETTING HOT! IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD, SIR!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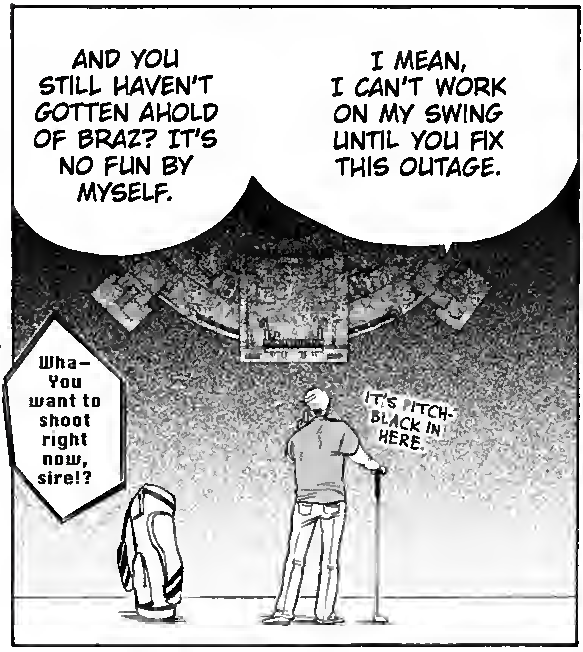
PIRIRIPIRIRI (CHIRPING)
BRING MORE WATER!
THAT IS BAD. LET'S GET THE OTHER ONES COOLED TOO!


AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN AHOLD OF BRAZ? IT'S NO FUN BY MYSELF.
I MEAN, I CAN'T WORK ON MY SWING UNTIL YOU FIX THIS OUTAGE.
Wha– You want to shoot right now, sire!?
IT'S PITCH-BLACK IN HERE.

Yes, sire!?
Is something wrong!?
HEY. IT'S ME.
NAH, JUST WONDERING HOW MUCH LONGER.

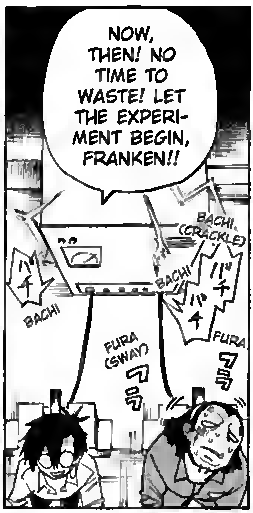
Then tell Braz I'm starting without him.
:BOOP:
ER, ACTUALLY... THE GENERATOR SYSTEMS ARE OVERHEATING, AND IT'LL BE A WHILE...
Aw, seriously? Well, whatever. You'll do. Come on over.
NO, SIRE, I REALLY CAN'T LEAVE...
MORE WATER, SIR.
TSUUU
TSUUU
TSUUU (BOOP)
TSUUU
TSUUU
ROSSHUUU (KAPOOOSH)
DID IT FINALLY BLOW!?
WHAT THE ...!?
PITO (TINK)
CAPTAIN GOYLE!! WE GOTTA COOL IT DOWN QUICK!!

RIGHT. I JUST HAVE TO CALM DOWN! I'M ALL WORKED UP BECAUSE THE PRISON THING IS BOTHERING ME. I'LL JUST HAVE OFFICER BEROS GO OVER THERE AND SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING STRANGE...
PURURURURU (RRRRING)
PURURURURU
BE COOL !!
BE COOL !!
CAP-TAIN! CALM DOWN!!
DAMN...! SORRY, I'VE GOTTEN AGI-TATED!
BE COOL, CAPTAIN!!
HUH? IT'S NOT FREEZ-ING...?
?
GASP!
!
SUKAAAAA (SNOOORE)
VUUUN
VUUUN
VUUUN (VRRR)
PROBABLY SOME KIND OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, I'LL BET!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON AT THE PRISON!?
You have reached this party's voice mail...
IS IT BRAZ!?
OH RIGHT, AND I HAVE TO GIVE THE KING'S MESSAGE TO BRAZ... WAIT, WHAT WAS IT?
CRAP, I CAN'T EVEN SEE...
WHAT IS SHE DOING!?
WHY WON'T SHE PICK UP?

THAT'S RIGHT... THIS WHOLE THING STARTED WITH...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
CAPTAIN GOYLE, IT'S NOT SAFE HERE!
BUSHUUUU (PSHHHT)
GAH! THE ICE IS MELT-ING!?
DORO (MELT)
THE CAPTAIN'S FROZEN!
PAAAN (CRACK)
BRAAAAAAAZ!!
BON (BOOM)

JAKA (CLACK)
JAKA
JAKA
HA HA HA!
HA-HA ...

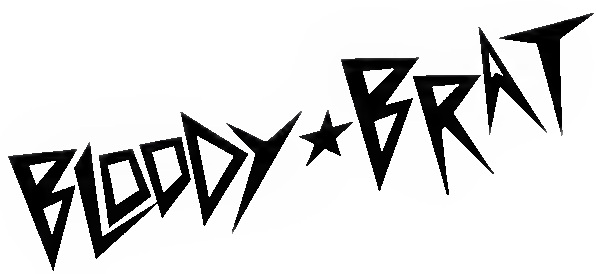
BON (BOOM)


NOW, THEN! NO TIME TO WASTE! LET THE EXPERIMENT BEGIN, FRANKEN!!
BACHI
BACHI
BACHI, (CRACKLE)
FURA (SWAY)
FURA

MAX
LOOK ...
JAKA
JAKA
JAKA
.....
IT'S COMPLETELY CHARGED UP!!

AND SO, IN EXCHANGE FOR A FEW MEMORIES, CAPTAIN GOYLE RECEIVED A PAID VACATION.
...MM-HM.
WILL YA PLEASE USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE TO TAKE A BREAK, SIR?
SERIOUSLY... YOU OVERWORKED YOURSELF TILL YOU BLACKED OUT.

AND I'M NOT IN IT!?
THAT WAS THE SHORT STORY WITH THE MOST P. GES IN THIS VOLUME—
ZUGAAAAN (SHOCK)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FOUR-PANEL PART 8

FURAAA (STAGGER)
STAZ-SAN HAS THOSE DARK CIRCLES UNDER HIS EYES BECAUSE HE PLAYS VIDEO GAMES ALL NIGHT, EVERY NIGHT.
OHHH, SO THAT'S IT!

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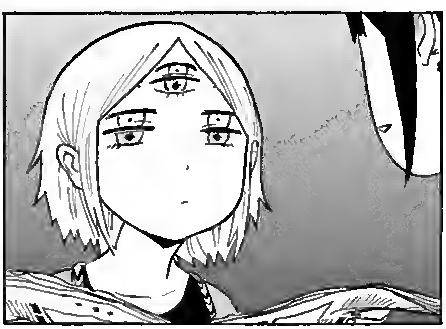

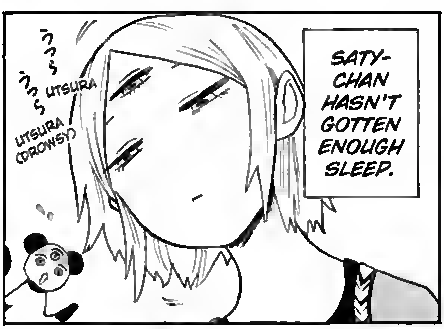

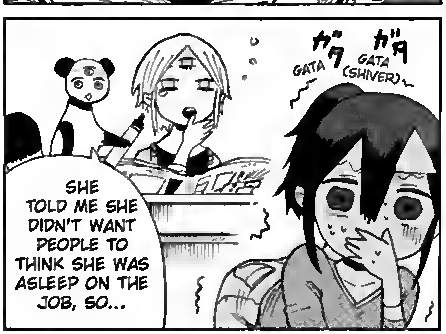

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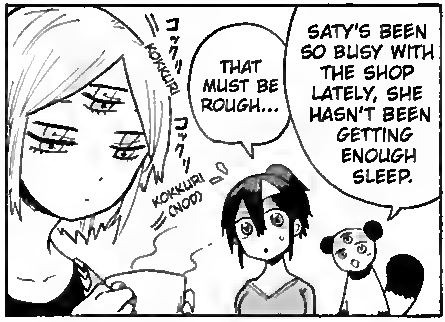

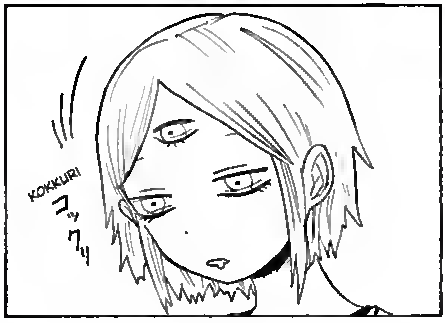

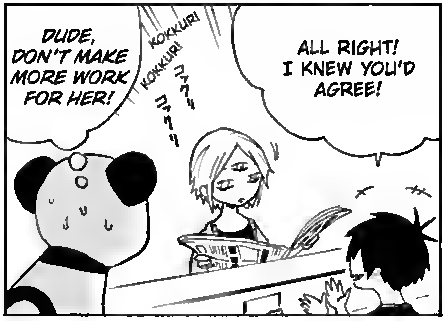

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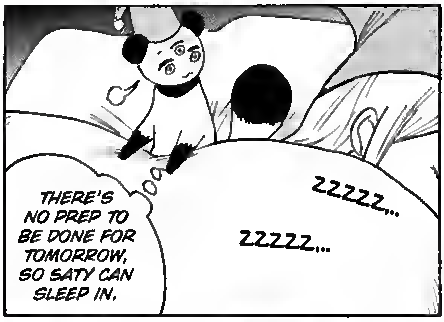
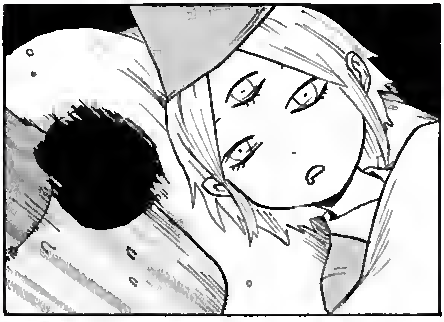
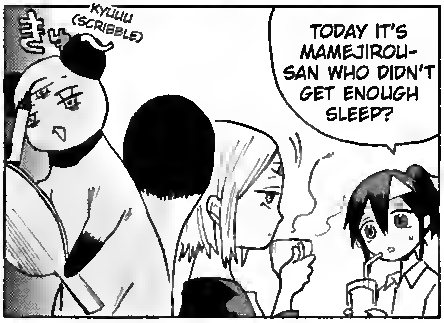


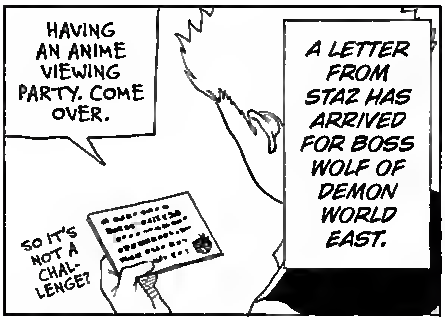




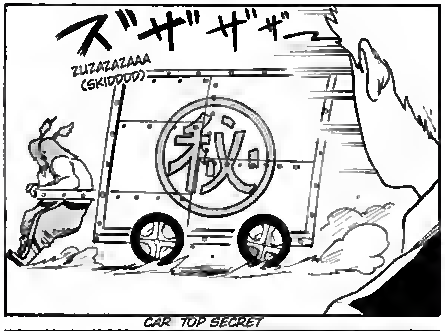
A MATCH OF WITS 2

A MATCH OF WITS 1

EASTWARD 1


HAVING AN ANIME VIEWING PARTY. COME OVER.
A LETTER FROM STAZ HAS ARRIVED FOR BOSS WOLF OF DEMON WORLD EAST.
SO IT'S NOT A CHAL-LENGE?

"YOU'LL KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT," HE SAYS?
"IT'S TRICKY FOR TERRITORY BOSSES TO GET OUT. I'M SENDING YOU A SPECIAL CAR FROM PIGEON-CHESTED TRANSPORT SO YOU CAN TRAVEL IN SECRET.
BOSS! THAT MUST BE IT!



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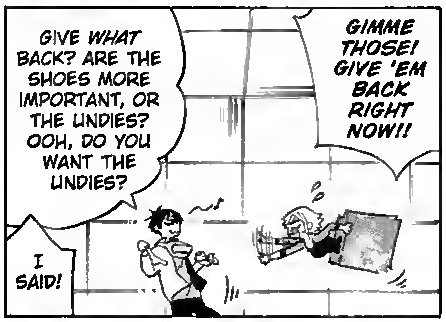
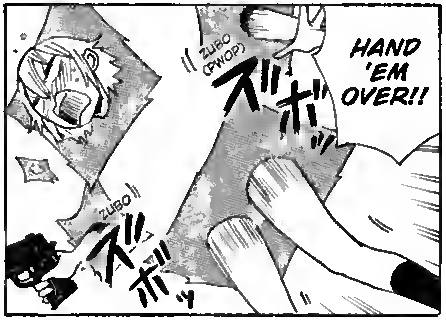

GIVE WHAT BACK? ARE THE SHOES MORE IMPORTANT, OR THE UNDIES? OOH, DO YOU WANT THE UNDIES?
GIMME THOSE! GIVE 'EM BACK RIGHT NOW!!
I SAID!



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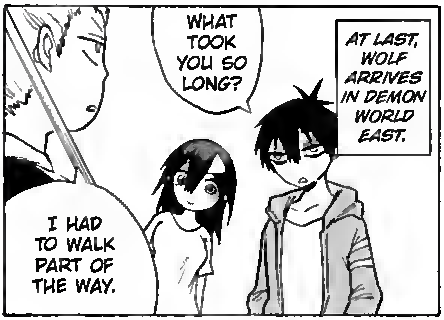

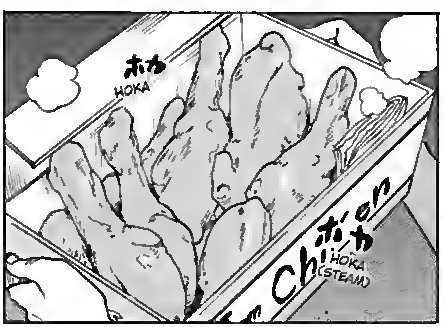

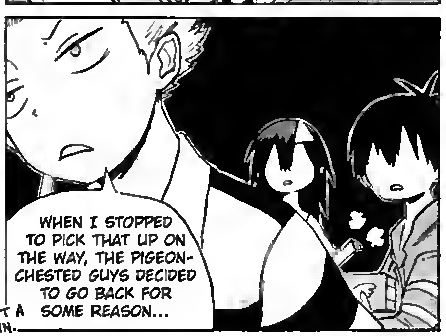

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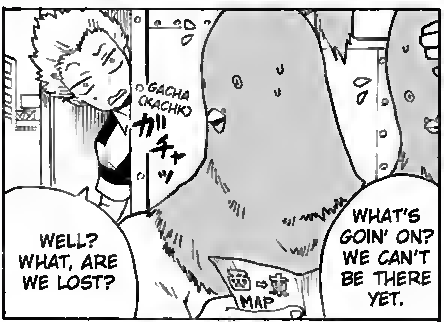
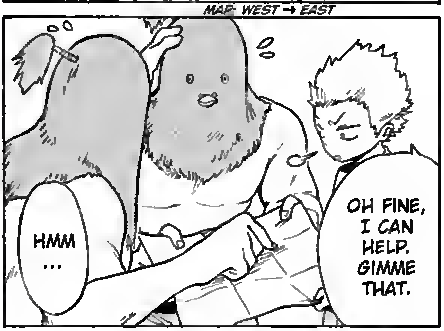
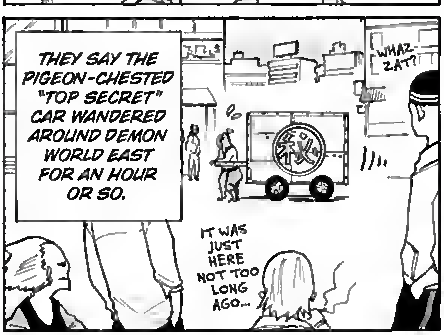
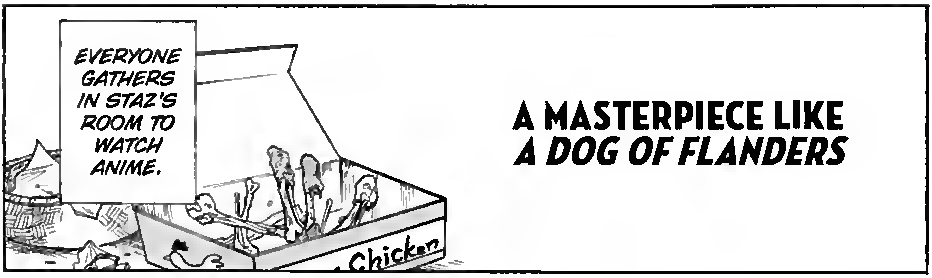





THEY SAY THE PIGEON-CHESTED "TOP SECRET" CAR WANDERED AROUND DEMON WORLD EAST FOR AN HOUR OR SO.
WHAZ-ZAT?
IT WAS JUST HERE NOT TOO LONG AGO...


EVERYONE GATHERS IN STAZ'S ROOM TO WATCH ANIME.
Chicken
A MASTERPIECE LIKE A DOG OF FLANDERS

THERE'S EVEN MORE HEART-WRENCHING STUFF OUT THERE...
AND YOU'VE HARDLY SEEN ANYTHING YET.
GUGU (SNIFF)
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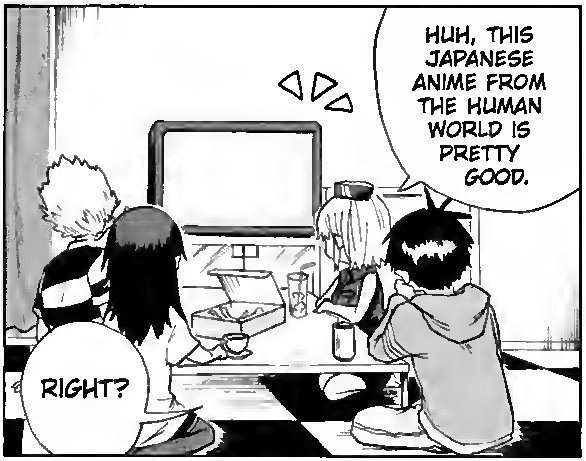
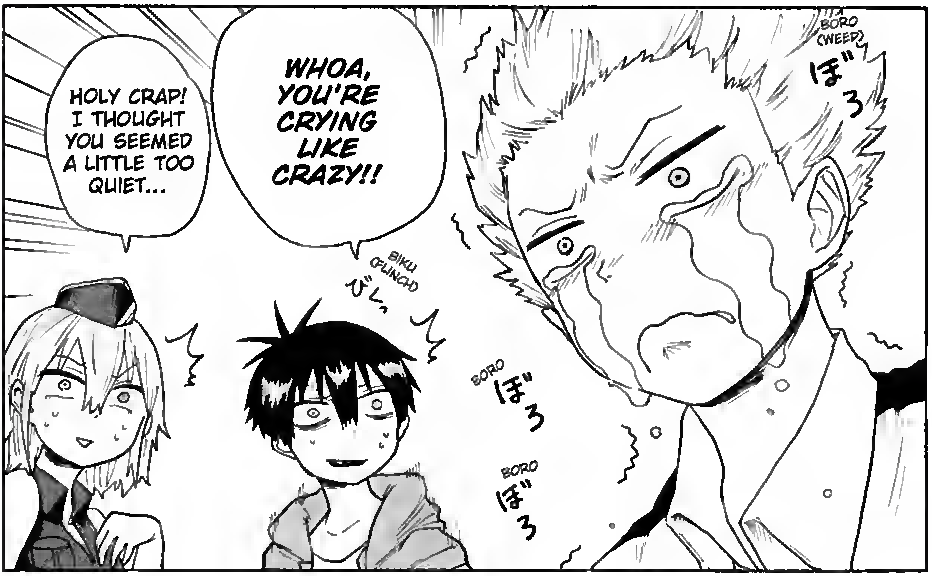

HUH, THIS JAPANESE ANIME FROM THE HUMAN WORLD IS PRETTY GOOD.
RIGHT?


HOLY CRAP! I THOUGHT YOU SEEMED A LITTLE TOO QUIET...
WHOA, YOU'RE CRYING LIKE CRAZY!!
BIKU! (GUNGAD)
びく
BORO (WEEP)
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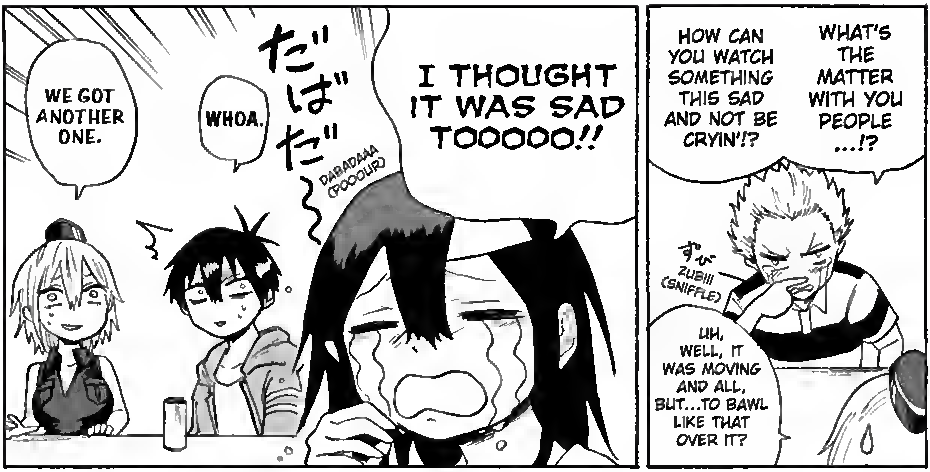
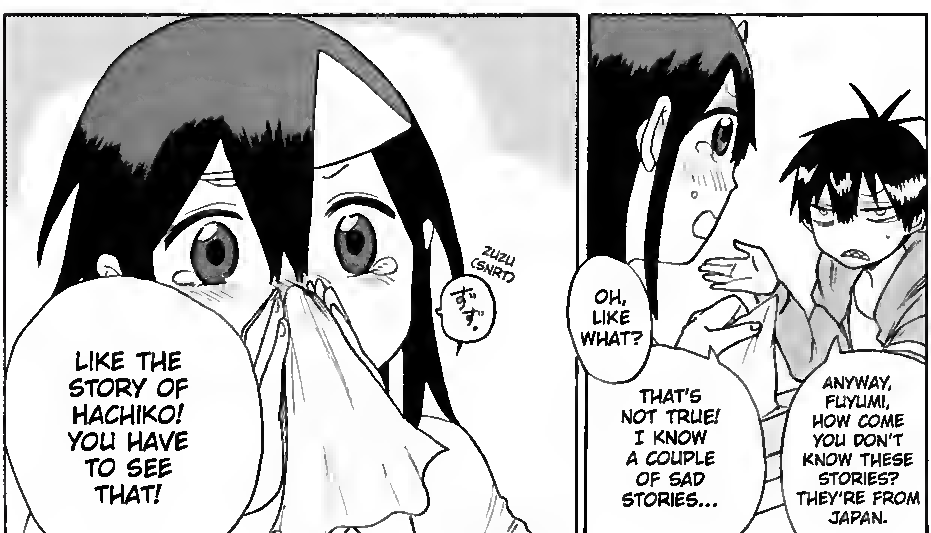
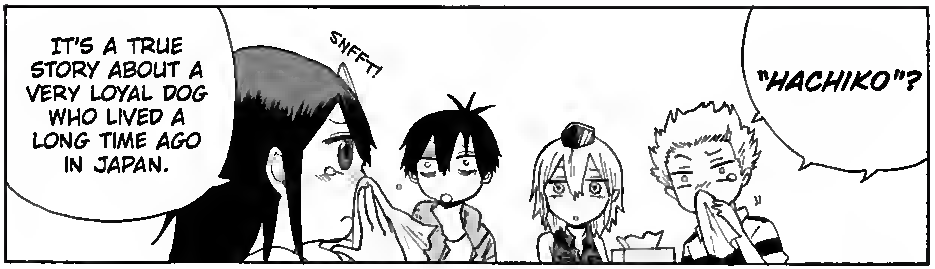
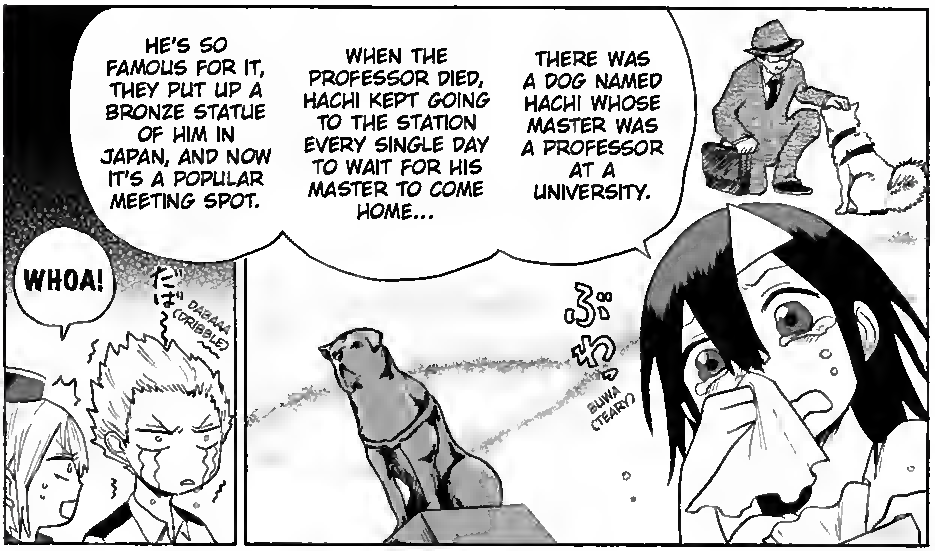

WE GOT ANOTHER ONE.
WHOA.
だばだば
DABADABA (POOOUR)
I THOUGHT IT WAS SAD TOOOOO!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU PEOPLE ...!?
HOW CAN YOU WATCH SOMETHING THIS SAD AND NOT BE CRYIN'!?
ずび
ZUBIII (SNIFFLE)
UH, WELL, IT WAS MOVING AND ALL, BUT...TO BAWL LIKE THAT OVER IT?

YOU'RE GET-TING THEM MIXED UP
AND THEN IN THE END, EVERYTHING JUST HAS TO RETURN TO NATURE!
GUH. NGH.
HOW'D HE MAKE IT 3,000 LEAGUES ...!?
GUZU (SOB)
GUZU
GUZU
...JUST TRYIN' TO FIND HIS MOM...!
HOW COULD THAT TINY LITTLE LOST BEE ...
UUH. UNH.

NOTE: WOLF AND FUYUMI ARE CONFUSING THE ADVENTURES OF HUTCH THE HONEYBEE, 3,000 LEAGUES IN SEARCH OF MOTHER, *AND* RASCAL THE RACCOON, *ALL ALARMINGLY SAD ANIME SERIES FROM THE 1970s.*

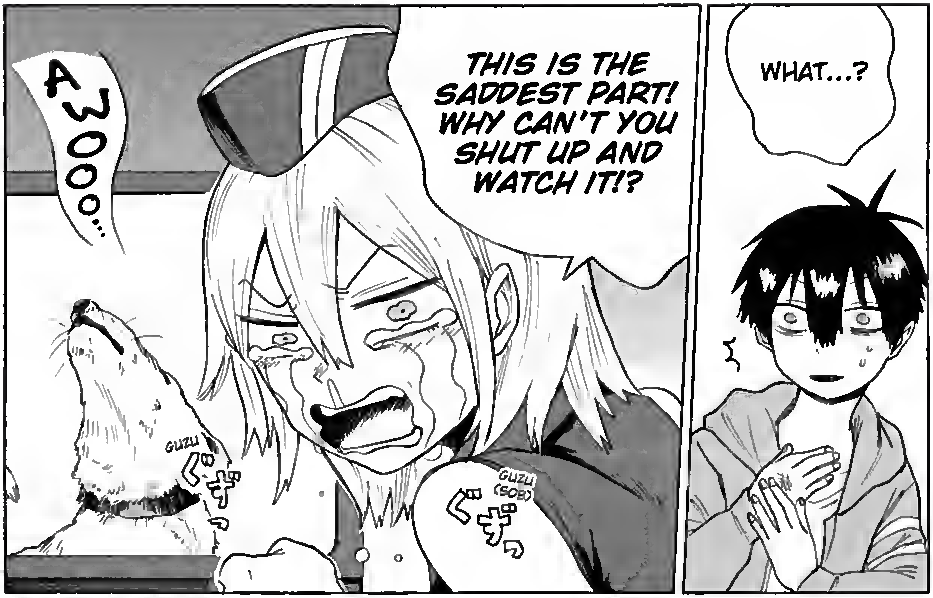

LIKE THE STORY OF HACHIKO! YOU HAVE TO SEE THAT!
ZUZU (SNIRT)
OH, LIKE WHAT?
THAT'S NOT TRUE! I KNOW A COUPLE OF SAD STORIES...
ANYWAY, FUYUMI, HOW COME YOU DON'T KNOW THESE STORIES? THEY'RE FROM JAPAN.

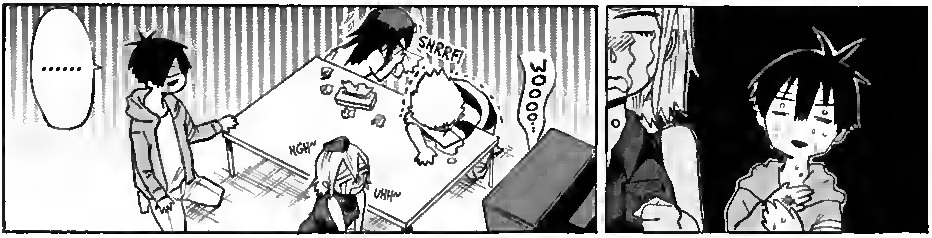

IT'S A TRUE STORY ABOUT A VERY LOYAL DOG WHO LIVED A LONG TIME AGO IN JAPAN.
SNIFF!
"HACHIKO"?


THERE WAS A DOG NAMED HACHI WHOSE MASTER WAS A PROFESSOR AT A UNIVERSITY.
WHEN THE PROFESSOR DIED, HACHI KEPT GOING TO THE STATION EVERY SINGLE DAY TO WAIT FOR HIS MASTER TO COME HOME...
HE'S SO FAMOUS FOR IT, THEY PUT UP A BRONZE STATUE OF HIM IN JAPAN, AND NOW IT'S A POPULAR MEETING SPOT.
WHOA!
DAZAAA (DRIBBLE)
BUWA (TEARY)

SHE WASN'T KIDDING... THIS IS...
...UH-OH. NOW I'M STARTING TO TEAR UP...
AWOOO...
AND SO...
...THEY DECIDED TO WATCH THE STORY OF HACHIKO.

HIC!
HNH!
BWAAAAAH...
BIKU (STARTLED)
びく
.....GH!!
ドン
DAN (BAM)
WAAAAAAHN!
SNRRRT!
ARE THEY EVEN WATCHING IT?
OKAY, THIS IS DEFINITELY A TEARJERKER BUT...DO THESE GUYS CRY THIS HARD AT EVERYTHING...?!
WOOO...
HNN...
BASHIN (SMACK)
...HEY, SO...
!?
CHOI (TAP)
ちょい CHOI
HEY... PSST, BELL...!


AWOOO...
GUZU
THIS IS THE SADDEST PART! WHY CAN'T YOU SHUT UP AND WATCH IT!?
GUZU (SOB)
WHAT...?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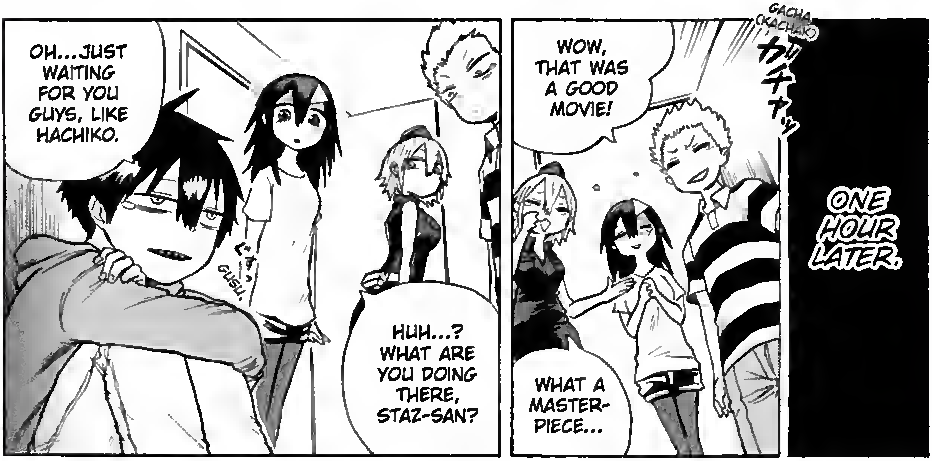
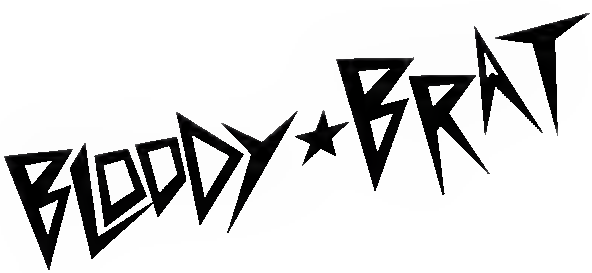
SHRR!
NGH
UHH
30000...


OH...JUST WAITING FOR YOU GUYS, LIKE HACHIKO.
GUSU
HUH...? WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE, STAZ-SAN?
WOW, THAT WAS A GOOD MOVIE!
GACHA GACHAN
WHAT A MASTER-PIECE...
ONE HOUR LATER.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